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## CAMP BULLIS PROGRAM READY

### Retain State Guards, Urges Knickerbocker

An urgent plea that the state military forces and all those citizen-soldier military organizations which exist at the present time be preserved in the post-war period was voiced by Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker at a speech in Houston, May 13, at a banquet on the occasion of the third anniversary of the founding of the Seventh Battalion.

General Knickerbocker declared that there are some in the War Department who would like to set up a "Junker" class in this country equal to that in Germany.

"You will have a duty to perform after this war is over," the general told members of the Seventh Battalion and guests. "We must think on the national post-war military establishment and how it will affect you.

"There are those who talk about 'just peace.' I don't see how it would be practicable to have a 'just' peace. I think we should substitute the word 'enduring' for 'just.' If we should ask some of those who have been overrun by the aggressors what a 'just peace' would be, what would be the answer?

#### Their Answer

"The conquered nations probably could answer: 'Put the Axis in the same situation in which we exist now.' That is the human in us speaking. Destruction of homes and scattering of families is unthinkable in a civilized world.

"We should be able to be sure that in the post-war era that we will not sink our ships and that we will be winning to fight for peace if the need arises. I'm no advocate of war, but if it takes a practical method not to have wars I'm for that method. We must be able to back up those who sit at the peace table with the reserves of men we have.

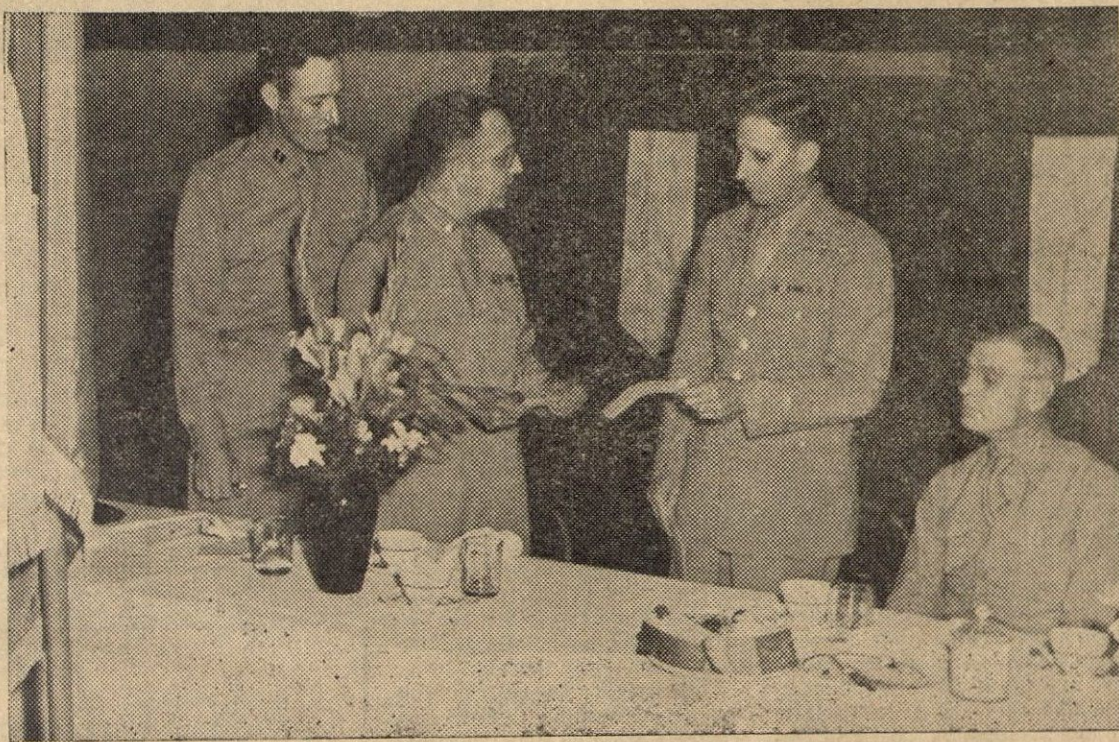
"There now are two bills pending in congress to set up universal military service. I think they are inadequate because they give too much of a blank check to the president, in my opinion. Congress should put the bills in language which would protect states rights, (See KNICKERBOCKER, Page 30)

### McAllen Rifle Team Wins Valley Match

McAllen.—A five-man team of Texas State Guard marksmen won the first of a series of summer indoor rifle matches from a McAllen Pistol and Rifle Club team at the Guard armory here this week, 481 to 477.

Four perfect scores were tallied, two on each team. The firing was on a 50-yard range with .22s, using National Rifle Association targets. The scores were: State Guard—Capt. J. B. Ashcraft 100, S/Sgt. P. D. Moore 100, Sgt. Joe LeBow 97, Pvt. Glenn Albertson 96, and Pfc. Marko Dizdar 88. Club team—Jerry Stephens 100, Kelly Neal 100, Challis Davis 99, Bill Laughlin 90 and Miss Mac Hodgson 88.

### General Gives Order To March



### Cel. Bannister Recovers From Month's Illness

Fully recovered from an illness which confined him to his quarters at Camp Mabry for more than a month, Col. Neill H. Banister of the adjutant general's staff is back on the job as Chief of Staff of the Texas State Guard.

Col. Banister, one of the best friends of the Texas State Guard, and universally liked by all those who have had dealings with him, is rounding out one-quarter of a century in the service of state guards and of the regular army.

His military career began in 1911 when he enlisted as a buck private in the National Guard of Louisiana. After a few years service in the Louisiana guard, he came to Texas, enlisted in the Texas National Guard, and served for a period of 13 years in the Texas military force.

He began his service as a first lieutenant and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1937. He was made a full colonel when he became assistant adjutant general of Texas.

Col. Banister knows how the army does things, too, because of his active service in the Federal service, which began as a first lieutenant in 1916 and ended as a major with the 144th infantry in 1919.

### Flag Which Flew Over Houston Home Is Sent To Italy

The Lone Star Flag which flew over the home of General Sam Houston at Huntsville is on its way to the battle front in Italy.

The flag was presented to the wives of men serving in the 134th Infantry in Italy by President Harmon Lowman of Sam Houston State Teachers College.

Brig. Gen. A. D. Knickerbocker tells Major Vincent Chiodo, commanding the Seventh Battalion, at Houston, to call out his men after reading a purported call for help from the sheriff of Harris County in capturing escaped German prisoners of war. The call for help was a stunt to illustrate the Seventh's training in such emergencies. Gen. Knickerbocker is shown second from right, handing the sheriff's appeal to Major Chiodo. Courtney Bateman, executive officer of the Seventh, stands near Major Chiodo, and Colonel S. G. Harrison, head of the Houston ROTC, looks on at the right.

### ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the first anniversary of The Guardsman and the staff wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the battalions of the Texas State Guardsmen and the business firms over the southwest which have made this birthday possible.

The support of the Guard and business men have made it possible for The Guardsman to grow from a small magazine to a successful tabloid, packed with news of interest to the Guard and backed by business men who recognize the service of the Guard to the state.

At the last annual convention of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, Major General Claude V. Birkhead, retired, in an address to the convention, declared that The Guardsman was the best military publication he had seen in or out of the regular army.

The staff of The Guardsman pledges that this high standard of excellence will be maintained.

### Guards Volunteer 100 Per Cent To Helps Arms Depot

Sixty-four men of the 48th Marine Battalion and 26 men of the 22nd made a reconnaissance tour of the San Jacinto Ordnance Depot near Houston on May 14.

The tour was the idea of Major Julian Weslow, commanding the 48th, who believes strongly that the Texas State Guard needs more definite work beyond the present training program. He was accompanied by Major James Delmar, commanding the 22nd.

The men left Houston in two big busses and were met at the depot by Major Lesturgeon. They were highly complimented by the army officers on their precision and discipline.

After the tour was over, Major Weslow addressed the men.

"Now that you have seen what has to be done here and what may be expected of you, how many of you still want to volunteer to help out in emergencies?"

The response was 100 per cent. Talking to The Guardsman, the major said:

"I believe that work like this is the answer to our morale problem. The men are anxious to do something specific and I feel strongly that something more than repetitious training is needed."

### Battle-Worn Flag Is Traded To Governor For Brand New One

Lt. John W. Moore of Alvin, Texas, recently sent Governor Coke R. Stevenson a battle-worn Texas flag with the request: "We'd like to trade this for a new one."

Governor Stevenson called it a deal. The flag was flown over the command post of an ordnance company of the 36th Division in North Africa and in Italy.

Lieutenant Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Moore of Alvin.

### July 2 Will Be School's Opening Date

Definite plans have been made for the 1944 Texas State Guard Officers School at Camp Bullis, Lt. Col. George D. Thomas of the adjutant general's office has announced.

The details on the school were released by the Eighth Service Command.

The title of the school will be "Eighth Service Command State Guard School." The Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, has assumed the direction of the school and the responsibility for all of its details. The Service Command will provide all necessary facilities, including quarters and faculty. Subsistence will be provided by the State of Texas. The only cost to officers and non-commissioned officers attending this school will consist of their own transportation and incidental expenses.

The opening date for the first session will be Sunday, July 2, 1944, and the closing date for the last session will be Sunday, July 30, 1944. Four sessions of one week each will be conducted. The students will be required to report at Camp Bullis not later than 1400 hours, on Sunday of the session week to which they have been assigned. The students will be dismissed at 1200 hours on the following Saturday.

#### University Type

The school will be of the University type; that is, each session will contain three separate courses:

(a) The battalion commanders and battalion staff officers' course available to battalion commanders and battalion staff officers.

(b) The company officers' course available to company officers.

(c) The officer candidates' course available to selected non-commissioned officers only.

The number of non-commissioned officers allowed will be on the basis of two non-commissioned officers for each lettered company and one for each of the detachments. This will enable Battalion Commanders to send the maximum of non-commissioned officers from their battalion regardless of their availability in the individual company. Example: B and C Company could (See CAMP BULLIS, Page 28)

### Utah Asks Texas About Formation Of Officers' Ass'n

Officers of the Utah State Guard, planning to form a State Guard Officers Association, are looking to Texas to give them an idea.

Major Donald W. Peacock, president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, has received a letter from Lt. Col. Joseph Soelberg, commander of the Utah guard, asking for a copy of the constitution and by-laws and details of the general setup in Texas.

Lt. Col. Soelberg said that Utah has one regiment of infantry of three battalions of four companies each. Part of the officers are former members of the National Guard who have been released from federal service for various reasons.



## 31st Battalion Review Wins High Praise

By MYNATT SMITH,  
1st Sgt., Ser. Det., 31st Bn., T.S.G.

The third anniversary of the 31st Battalion of the Texas State Guard, which was mustered in in May, 1941, was celebrated May 7 with a formal review at the McAllen High School athletic field at which commanding officers of two nearby army posts were guests of honor.

Maj. Lloyd M. Bentsen of Mission, commanding the battalion, presented more than 300 of his men in seven companies and three detachments to Col. Frank G. Jamison, commanding officer of Moore Field, and Lt. Col. Roy E. Keeling, commanding officer of Fort Ringgold, Rio Grande City.

The battalion appeared under arms as the result of the recent issuance of Enfield rifles to all line companies, and the review was a snappy event throughout.

Several hundred persons looked on. The public has been invited to the event, only one of its kind held by the battalion in more than a year.

### Reviewing Stand

On the reviewing stand with Colonels Jamison and Keeling were Major Bentsen, who joined the group after the presentation of his organization; Major James Ellis and 1st Lt. A. W. Ford, both of Moore Field; and State Rep. Homer L. Leonard of McAllen.

Major Bentsen's staff included Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen, commanding the medical detachment; Capt. James F. Ewers of Mission, Capt. Roy P. Conway of Mission, Lt. Frank Van Ness, Lt. Rudy L. Nordmeyer, who was adjutant for the review, and Lt. Jerry Tesar. Lt. Elmer E. Wagner of Alamo served as officer of the day.

Guest officers who attended were Capt. H. D. (Bullet) Stuart of Mercedes and Capt. John C. Jones of La Feria, until recently commanding officer of the Pharr company of the 31st, recently transferred to the headquarters staff of the 26th Battalion at Mercedes.

A number of Moore Field officers watched from the bleachers.

### Reviewing Order

The battalion's units moved past the reviewing stand in the following order: Co. A of Mission, Capt. Lonnie E. Reed commanding; Co. B of McAllen, Capt. Hans Rothe; Co. C of Pharr, Lt. Hal Alcorn; Co. D of Alamo, Capt. Grant Montgomery; Co. E of Donna, Capt. Harold Vertress; Co. F of Edinburg, Capt. Clayton Baird; Co. G of Rio Grande City, Capt. John E. Pope; and the combined medical, service and headquarters detachments, Capt. J. B. Ashcraft of McAllen commanding.

M/Sgt. Charles Owens of McAllen commanded the color guard, which included S/Sgt. Dan Junkin, Sgt. Leon Hatcher and Cpl. Lloyd Burwick, all of McAllen.

Moore Field's crack 631st AAF band provided music for the event after having conducted an hour's band concert in downtown McAllen prior to the review. T/Sgt. Wesley Shepard commanded the band.

Colonel Jamison, who conducted an inspection of ranks for each of the eight units making up the battalion, complimented the men highly on their showing. He said it was one of the best reviews of its kind in which he had participated, and added:

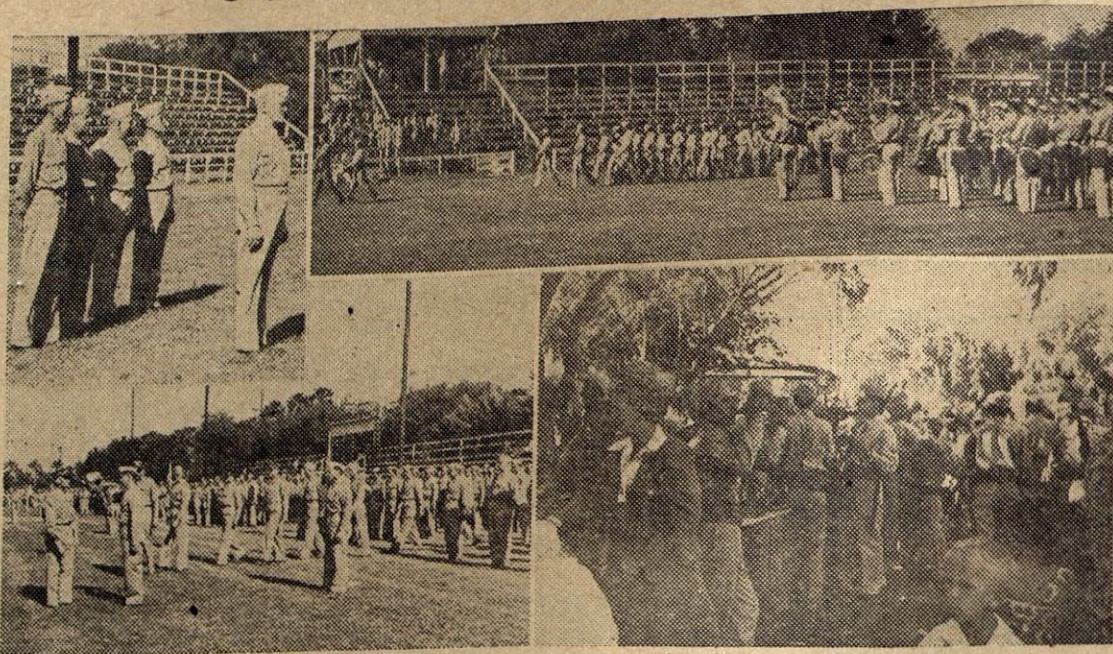
"It is exceptional in view of the fact that you cannot devote more time than you do to your work."

He expressed his private compliments to the officers heading the battalion.

The review was one of the first public events in which Colonel Keeling of Fort Ringgold has participated. He arrived only about a week before to take command of the pioneer cavalry post at Rio Grande City.

The event came as a climax to the recent reorganization of the battalion's headquarters detachment into three units and the arrival of new pieces for the line companies from state headquarters.

## 31st Observes Birthday With Review



## 20 Millions May Have To Change Jobs, Hines Tells Senate Group

Probability that 20,000,000 people will have to change their work at the end of hostilities was predicted recently by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines in a statement submitted to a senate military subcommittee in Washington.

Hines, head of the Veterans administration and recently chosen director of the retaining and re-employment administration, said the problem of caring for ex-servicemen and released war workers is of greatest magnitude. Many will have to change work and locations, he said, in urging that "overall guidance becomes absolutely necessary" to prevent veterans returning home like they did from the last war and cooling their heels in employment offices and walking the streets looking for jobs that did not exist.

Pvt.: "What kind of pie is this?"  
Mess Sgt.: "What does it taste like?"  
Pvt.: "Glue."  
Mess Sgt.: "Then it's apple. The pumpkin tastes like soap."

Top left: Major Lloyd M. Bentsen, commanding the 31st, with members of his staff. Left to right they are: Capt. Roy P. Conway of Mission, Major Lloyd W. Davis of McAllen, Lt. Frank Van Ness of Mission and Lt. Jerry Tesar of Mission.—(Photo by C. H. Britton, McAllen.)

Top right: Moore Field's crack 631st AAF band, stands at left, while the second platoon of Co. A, Mission, marches past the reviewing stand, in the right background.—(Moore Field Photo.)

Lower left: Col. Jamieson completes his inspection of the battalion. Here he receives the salute from Capt. J. B. Ashcraft, of the combined medical, service and headquarters detachments. Col. Keeling of Fort Worth is the tall man directly behind Capt. Ashcraft.—(Photo by Britton.)

Lower right: Guardsmen give cold drinks, doughnuts and sandwiches a working over after the review. In charge of the mess were T/4th Lloyd Langston and T/5th Hayward Brooks, both of the service detachment, McAllen. (Photo by Britton.)

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## Kilgore Soldier Lauds Red Cross

Kilgore.—Lt. C. F. McMillan has written his mother, Mrs. J. C. Powell, from England: 'I want you to tell the Red Cross there what a swell job they are doing for the men. I wouldn't have believed the Red Cross so wonderful if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. They work night and day. They are always there with coffee and doughnuts, cards, games, cigarettes, etc., to cheer the men up.'

"If the people at home could see what they are doing for the boys over here they would be more gen-

## 22nd Battalion Holds Second Training Clinic

The 22nd Battalion's second bivouac and training clinic of a summer series, was reeled off in fine fashion on the week end of May 6-7. Held at the Sun Oil camp, located between Humble and Conroe, over one hundred men and officers were in attendance.

Three clinics and small bore firing were offered the troops. In the competitive firing, Company C of Humble and Lindale Park, won, replacing Company A, last month's winner.

Clinic No. 1, with Lt. Charles Thomson in charge, dealt with maps and the use of messages. Capt. Max C. Swindosky, assisted by Lt. Reid of Company C, was in charge of Clinic 2. This covered riot formations and close order drill. Capt. Sikes had charge of the scouting and patrolling in Clinic 3. Capt. V. L. Daily was range officer, assisted by Lt. Wilson Lucky.

Capt. Walter Bell and Lt. Don Wertz were in charge of a demonstration showing the dislodging of a criminal with the use of gas and smoke. A battalion review completed the program.

Major James Delmar, battalion commander, who inaugurated the training clinic, was well pleased with the results obtained and stated that plans call for another clinic for June.

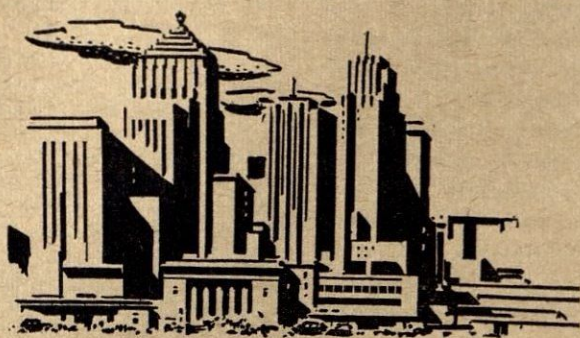
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# University Awards Over 15,000 Degrees

Austin.—In the last ten years the University of Texas has conferred well over fifteen thousand degrees, a survey announced today by the Registrar's Office reveals.

Covering the nine-year period, 1934-35 through 1942-43, the survey lists 12,601 bachelor's degrees, 2,473 master's degrees and 356 doctoral degrees, or a total of 15,429.

Starting with a total of 1,359 degrees of all kinds conferred in 1934-35, the number rose steadily to a pre-war total of 2,031 in 1940-41. Since outbreak of the war, the number declined to 1,796 in 1941-42 and to 1,392 in 1942-43.

The survey, embracing a breakdown of degrees by major fields, showed ten fields reached their peak in 1940-41, including bacteriology, 22; chemistry, 54; geology, 100; government, 56; pure mathematics, 27; zoology, 75; bachelor's degree in combination with law, 45; elementary education, 39; chemical engineering, 80; and petroleum engineering, 74.

Several other fields did not reach their peak until after the outbreak of the war. Those reaching a new high in 1941-42 included home economics, 100 degrees; Latin-American Studies, 6; sociology, 34; bachelor of arts, Plan II, 17; nursing education, 5; civil engineering, 40; electrical engineering, 38; and pharmacy, 62.

Mechanical engineering and fine arts degrees reached their respective heights — 59 and 44 — in 1942-43.

## Soldier Perfects Igniter For Mines

Camp Edwards, Mass.—An example of the skill and ingenuity of the American soldier has been illustrated by T/Sgt. Jimmy Koehler, a member of an ordnance company of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center, in the construction of a Nazi Anti-personnel mine igniter which is used for instructive purposes.

Working only from a picture of the German-type pressure fuse, known as the S. Mi. Z. 35, and without the benefit of dimensions, Sergeant Koehler in two days converted scraps of salvaged brass into the desired igniter—then went a step further and improved on it.

The Nazi igniter must first be taken apart to be cocked but Koehler ingeniously eliminated a groove and in so doing did away with this bother of dismantling the contrivance which is approximately four inches long. There were about fifteen different shaped parts to be machined on a lathe.

A resident of Monaca, Pa., the sergeant worked in his father's tool shop before entering the army.—Army Times.

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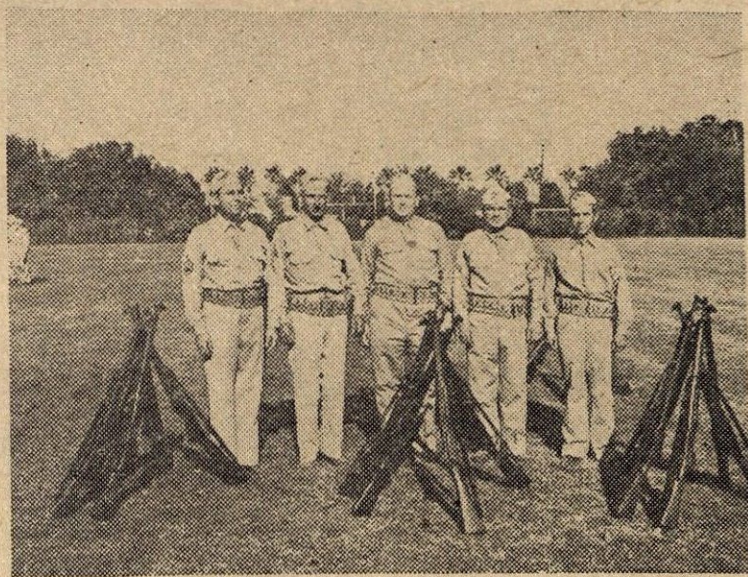
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## Edinburg Company Chooses Best All-Around Soldier



Non-commissioned officers who won awards during recent competition among men of Company F, Edinburg, are pictured above. Left to right, they are: S/Sgt. Beto Reyna, best drill master; Sgt. Edward Nordmeyer, best all-around soldier; Sgt. Jack Ross, best drilled soldier; Sgt. Thomas Gibson, best attendance; and Sgt. Santos Gorena, Jr., second best all-around soldier.—(Photo by C. H. Britton, McAllen.)

Edinburg.—The best all-around

soldier in Company F of the Texas State Guard in Edinburg is Sgt. Edward Nordmeyer.

He won out over all other men in the company in a contest which required several weeks' time and which ended with the awarding of a number of prizes contributed by various individuals.

Sergeant Nordmeyer was presented an Indian Gurkha knife which had been sent to Capt. Clayton Baird, commanding officer of

the company, by a friend in India, with the suggestion that it be made the award for such a contest. In addition, the sergeant won a \$25 war bond.

The award for the best-drilled soldier in the company went to Sgt. Jack Ross, who is assistant criminal district attorney of Hidalgo County. He won a \$25 war bond awarded by the American Legion post of Edinburg.

S/Sgt. E. B. Reyna won a \$25 bond as the best drill master of the company. The Rotary Club donated the bond.

Sgt. Thomas Gibson was awarded a \$25 bond for maintaining the best attendance at company sessions during the past year. It was given by the Lions Club. Others who received recognition for good attendance were Sgts. Ray McWhorter and C. W. Bowers, Cpls. C. T. Russell, H. H. Meeker and Charles Berkley, Pfc. Raymond Smith and Pvs W. C. Rainey and Manuel Balli.

H. I. Schlader, Edinburg banker, awarded the bond to Sgt. Nordmeyer, while another bond contributed by W. C. Brumley went to Sgt. Santos Gorena for second best all-around soldier.

Sgt. J. D. Martin won a Kiwanis Club bond for being the company's best marksman, and Pvt. Teddy Jaspersen, Jr., was runner-up with a \$10 award.

Cpl. Charles Schroeder, runner-up in the best-drilled soldier contest, was a \$10 winner.

## GI Takes In Washing To Raise Poker Cash

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—When a soldier needs a little "poker money" he'll do most anything—even his buddies' wash.

Pvt. John Golden, a Combat Engineer, recently ran short of cash and did just that. "But that's the last time," he vowed.

The big game was scheduled for the afternoon. Early that morning, Private Golden set up "G.I. Golden's White Washery." He got customers and clipped each two dollars for O.D.s and underwear. Using two old cans filled with cold water, G.I. soap and a hair brush, Private Golden labored several hours before the garments were clean.

After chow he invested his hard-earned cash in the poker game—he was cleaned.

## "AIN'T THAT HELL?"

Sgt. George Boyle of Company A, Mission, a geologist, was making a talk on map reading and geology to a group of recruits.

"They say," the sergeant related, "that the center of the earth is a burning molten mass."

To which Pvt. Magus F. Smith, a former member of the Texas Legislature, piped:

"Ain't that hell!"

Soldier: "Hey!"

Girl: "My name ain't hay—and stop trying to make me while the

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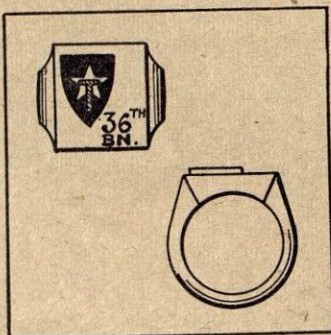
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"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Article Two, Bill of Rights, from the Constitution of the United States.

## Queen Of Battles

Before Hitler turned Europe into a battlefield someone remarked that the next war would start in the air, and end in the mud. He was a prophet. No matter how good a job the Air Forces, the Tank units, the Artillery or the Navy do, it is still the Infantry, the Queen of Battles, who has to go in for the kill.

The battle of Cassino provides striking evidence. One of the greatest concentrated aerial and artillery attacks in the history of warfare was loosed on the embattled city. Some 2,500 tons of incendiaries and explosives were dropped as wave after wave of bombers and fighter planes staged a titanic attack. Artillery shells poured into the city to wipe out any defenses the air offensive might miss. Lt. Gen. Ira E. Eaker, after watching the concentrated attack from a hillside, described it as a "fumigation."

When the terrific pounding was ended Infantrymen moved in to take and hold the blasted fortress. The ground soldiers met stiff German resistance. The house-to-house struggle, which had characterized the battle, continues as Allied and Axis forces fight in the rubble and debris.

Just where the German defenders came from has not been stated by military authorities as yet. Some believe the defenders were reserve troops, who filtered into the blasted ruins in the dark. Some of the defenders may have escaped the pounding in underground tunnels and caves, which are known to catacomb the city. To the Infantrymen, who are still driving the defenders from their positions, it makes little difference from where they came—they still must be driven out one at a time.

Other services have been glamorized during the past few years. The foot soldier, the Queen of Battles, has been left off the press agent's lists. But that is true no longer. The world-wide conflict has proved that an Army is no stronger than the man with the rifle and shovel.

At Tarawa the Marine Infantrymen won the battle after a great Naval and Air attack failed to knock the Jap defenders out of their positions. After a great artillery barrage in the Battle of El Alamein the Infantrymen moved in to destroy mine fields, pill boxes and gun emplacements. After they completed their jobs the tanks were able to go through and start Rommel's flight out of Africa.

In the foxholes of the South Pacific, in the slush and cold of Italian front lines, on training grounds around the world, Infantrymen are doing a great job. Assista can be credited every other branch of the armed forces, but when Berlin and Tokyo are retired—the Queen of Battles will score the put-out.—Army Times.

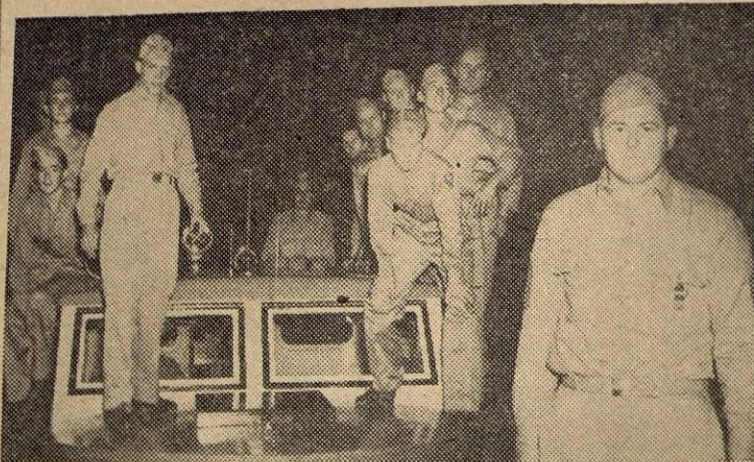
### THAT FLATTERING LIGHT

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### FIVE-MILE HIGH BEACON

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## 5th Patrol Seeking Boys



Top: The night was dark, rain was coming down in sheets, and the rattlesnakes thick in the hills west of Austin as this patrol of the 5th Battalion landed on the west bank of the Colorado river on its way to search for two "lost" boys, ages 7 and 9 years. First Sgt. Victor Welch of the service detachment, right, heads

this patrol.

Bottom: The one bright spot in the dark and rainy night's action was the hospitality of Mrs. T. J. Hinson, center, who turned her home near the Lake Austin boat docks over to the Guardsmen. Left, 1st Sgt. N. D. Barker of the headquarters detachment, and right, Cpl. Lucky Ward.

## Dutch Honor Texas Aviator Who Escaped From Holland

New York.—Texas and Indiana took a front seat at a special birthday party held recently in London by an organization of Dutchmen who have escaped from occupied Holland—the Oranjenhaven Club. The guests of honor were two American Air Corps captains, who together with other United States and RAF flyers, have completed one year of delivering copies of two Dutch-language publications printed in England and widely circulated by the Netherlands underground.

Captain James "Leaf-Letter" Monroe of Lubbock, and Captain Robert Ralston of Lafayette, Indiana, described to their hosts the technique of delivering the newspapers so that they fall into friend-

ly hands. The publications involved are a four-page rotogravure weekly, "Vliegende Hollander" (Flying Dutchman), which has a circulation of more than a million, and a 48-page semi-color monthly, "Wervelwind" (The Whirlwind).

Both papers, Captain Monroe said, serve to counteract Nazi lies. When the Germans were boasting of having flattened London, the publications ran pictures showing the British capital still very much intact. Captains Ralston and Monroe related some of the early trials and tribulations of the delivery service. "For a while it was nightmarish," they said, "for we lived in constant fear that the papers were landing everywhere but in Holland, because they had to be released from great heights." But after careful experimentation they worked out a comparatively fool-proof system which ensures accurate deliveries and wider circulation of the papers.

When one of the Dutchmen at the party jokingly suggested that a special invasion issue be distributed to let the Hollanders know when D-Day was coming, Captain Ralston answered, "We are keeping that as a surprise. Such news will be delivered in a more concrete form than by aerial newspapers."

## Houston Corporal Serving In India

An Air Service Command Base in Central India.—Chalk up another Blue Star to the Lone Star State for Cpl. Ruben S. Caplan, another new arrival in the China-Burma-India theatre. Cpl. Caplan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Caplan, Houston.

On leave of absence from the Gulf Refining Co. of Houston, Cpl. Caplan, before entering the service, was employed in the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at Washington, D. C. He received his basic training at Atlantic City and then attended the Eastern Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth. Cpl. Caplan holds membership in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers.

## Guard Helps In Hunt For Missing Boys

"The lost kids are in them there hills!" guardsmen of the 5th Battalion, Austin, were told by an old-timer of the Bee Cave community, near Austin, late in the afternoon of May 8.

State and county police had been searching for more than 24 hours for the two boys, 7 and 9 years old, who had run away from home in Austin the day before, and who were reported to have been seen in the hills bordering the Colorado river west of Austin.

The old-timer had heard in the hills what he thought was the young boys talking, but upon thorough investigation by the guardsmen it was found to be bleating goats.

Upon receiving a call to aid the state and city police and also the state headquarters company which had been called earlier in the day, Major Weldon M. Swenson alerted the 5th battalion at 6 o'clock in the afternoon with instructions to report at the Kennellwood boat docks on Lake Austin. An Austin police yacht was ready to ferry the guardsmen across the lake to the area where the boys were reported to have last been seen by a boatman on the lake.

More than 150 guardsmen came came tearing out to the lake upon receiving the alert order. By 7 o'clock, 75 men had been landed on the west side of the lake by the police boat, and organized into patrols by Major Swenson. The patrols began fanning out across the brushy hills and deep canyons which border the lake and river. They had orders to work southwest toward the Bee Cave highway.

The guardsmen didn't find any boys that night, but they did rouse many a rattlesnake out of his night's sleep. The hills and canyons of that section of the county are reputedly full of rattlesnakes, and the guardsmen who made the search will attest whole-heartedly to the fact.

Around 2 o'clock that night, the men were assembled at Beard's store on the Bee Cave road and brought back to Austin, drenching wet from a steady downpour of rain which had been falling all evening and had greatly hampered the search.

A second alert was ordered for the next morning at 7 o'clock by Major Swenson, but before the battalion loaded up on the troop carrying trucks furnished by Bergstrom Army Air base, the two young boys were found, dead, in an unused ice-box stored in the garage of a next-door neighbor.

## Yanks Take Collection For Buddies In Prison

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—Silk stockings sold for \$40 a pair, 15 cent lipsticks were knocked down at \$10 each and GIs went around for two days dropping their pennies and half-crowns into tin cans. To top it off, two mess sergeants fed 200 GIs old-fashioned fried eggs with real ice cream for dessert.

All this happened at a B-17 Flying Fortress station, commanded by Col. Neil B. (Chick) Harding. Men at the station raised 1,632 pounds, 5 shillings and 11 pence (more than \$6,500) as their contribution to the welfare of comrades who are sitting out the war in German prison camps.

Many a former pilot, bombardier or gunner will enjoy gifts of tobacco, cigarettes, candy, musical instruments, games and athletic equipment which the Red Cross, faced as it is with the task of providing them with the bare necessities, cannot procure for German prison camps.

The average lightning stroke carries 20,000 amperes, about the same current required by a city of 15,000 population.

A thousand electric motors with a combined capacity of 30,000 horsepower operate the Panama Canal.

Irate Mother (at 11:45 p.m.): "Young man, do you think you can stay here all night?"

Soldier: "Well, I don't know—I'll have to ask my CO first."

S-Sgt.: "I have had to make a living by my wits."

Pvt.: "Well! Half a living is better than none."



## Practice Is Conducted At Camp Bullis

The 2nd Training and Research Unit, Texas State Guard, composed of 100 of the older cadets of the Peacock Military Academy, San Antonio, and commanded by Major Donald W. Peacock, has the distinction of being the first State Guard organization to fire the new issue of .30 caliber Enfield rifles on a standard 200-yard regulation range.

Having already completed the standard course in preliminary rifle marksmanship, and every member having completed the .22 caliber firing on the Academy's indoor rifle range, the unit was ready to take the range with the .30 caliber weapons which have just been issued.

Permission was obtained to bivouac at Camp Bullis and use both the .30 caliber 200-yard range and the pistol and submachine gun ranges. The organization arrived at Camp Bullis at 8 p. m. Friday, May 13, and established a tent city adjacent to the rifle range. Field telephones for the camp and for use between the firing points and the target pits were drawn on memorandum receipt and set up.

That night Major Peacock had the unusual pleasure of telephoning direct from his tent in the field to his wife at home, due to the fact that the field telephones, the latest models, were connected with the exchange at Fort Sam Houston through the Camp Bullis switchboard. The unit's communications section had a wonderful time and excellent experience working with these late model field phones.

Following first call at 5 a. m. Saturday a breakfast at 5:30 a. m. the unit was divided into three groups of approximately 30 men each, one group reporting as a pit detail to the .30 caliber pits under the charge of Lieutenant Charles R. Parr, another group reporting to the 200-yard firing point, and the third group to the pistol and submachine gun range.

Colonel M. R. Finney, U. S. A. (Ret.), professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Academy, was range officer at the .30 caliber range, and Major Peacock was range officer at the submachine gun range. An added incentive to make a good score with the tommy gun was the opportunity to fire the .45 caliber pistol by all those who made good scores.

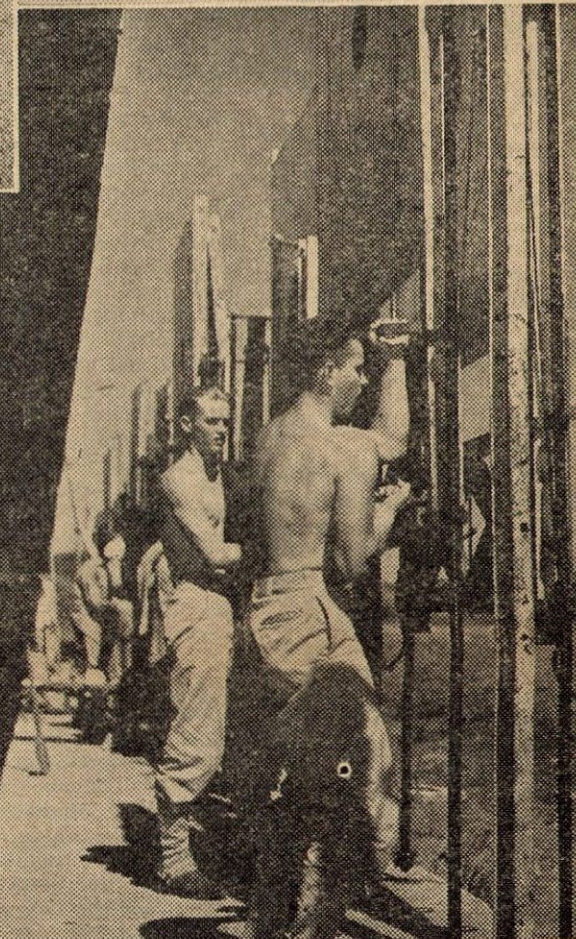
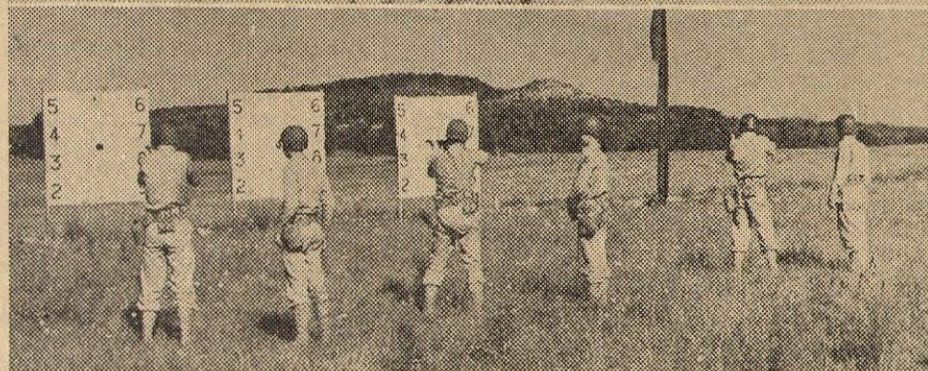
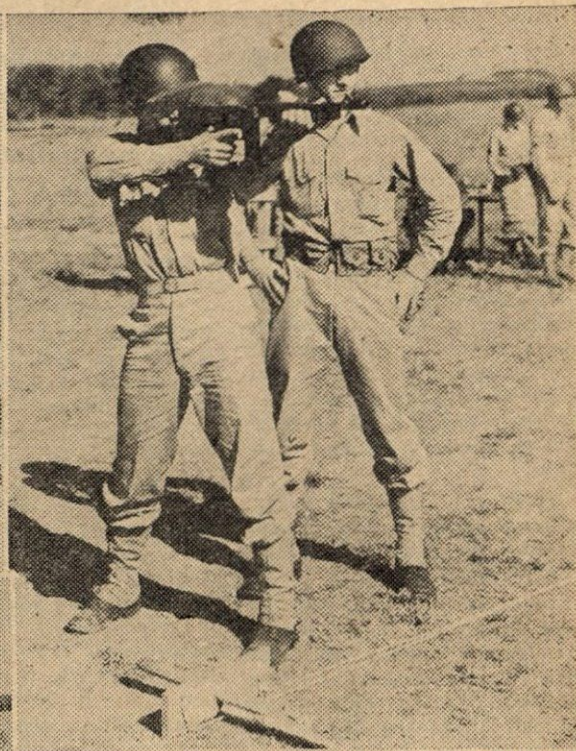
Outstanding on the trip was the successful experiment by the Research Unit of cooking with its new butane gas field range, which was made to order by the Vapo Gas Systems of San Antonio. This organization has volunteered to furnish a tank of their Vapo-butane gas to the San Antonio Guard Units whenever they go out on maneuvers.

Major Peacock reports that this is the most successful and satisfactory method of cooking in the field he has had experience with, that the stove worked perfectly, that this type of gas is three times hotter than natural gas, it doesn't get the bottom of the cook pots black with carbon, and that it is very simple to operate and handle in the field.

Of interest to other units is the fact that the complete stove with four extra large burners, the automatic regulator and 15 feet of copper tubing cost only \$45.00. The tank of butane gas furnished by the Vapo Gas Systems holds 25 gallons of gas and it is estimated that it would not have to be refilled for several months.

The complete story of the successful bivouac and range activities of the unit is told in story form in the accompanying set of pictures.

## 2nd Research Unit First to Fire Enfields



### San Saba Soldier Is Doing Good Job Of "Selling" Texas

Sgt. Jimmie S. Brown, who is with a Sub-Headquarters Advance Section in the China-Burma-India area, and a son of Jimmie Brown, Sr., of San Saba, keeps Clarence Gosch, local druggist, posted on the goodwill work he is doing for Texas on the other side of the world in addition to the help he is giving in the Allies ridding the world of the Jap plague.

Writing on Easter Sunday, Sgt. Brown says, "We spend our spare time arguing about the States. You will find that any Texan will really get in some hot ones, especially with the boys from California. I think I have done my part as a Texan. I have convinced about 100 Chinese coolies that Austin is the Capital of the United States, and that San Saba is the Capital of Texas. I would have almost convinced them that Texas would have already won the war if it hadn't been for the other 47 states attached to it for rations."

"Today is Easter, quite different from the last, the eggs we get won't be Easter eggs, maybe some farmer's Model T engine we sold to Tojo for scrap."

And here's the Boston version of "Pistol Packing Mama":  
Oh, drop that lethal weapon, mater,  
Disengage it from your hip;  
Toter of that liquidator  
Release it from your grip!

Upper left: Major Donald W. Peacock is shown at his tent using the new model field telephone. Due to the elaborate network of underground and overhead wires at Camp Bullis he could telephone direct from his tent to the firing point, to the target pits, to the range guards, or even to his home by placing the call through the switchboard at Fort Sam Houston. Sgt. Gene Potter is shown waiting with a detail preparatory to leaving for the rifle range.

Upper right: Pvt. Joe Brown makes a good score. He is firing from the 25-yard line and is being coached by Pvt. Bill Terry.

Left center: It was a real thrill to fire the Thompson Submachine Gun at regulation "L" targets with an opportunity to qualify for marksmanship badges. Several did, and those making high scores were rewarded by being allowed to fire the .45 caliber pistol at the same targets. Each man firing had a coach to stand by him and to verify his score when checking targets.

Lower left: All the comforts of home! Cooking with butane gas furnished free by the Vapo Gas Systems of San Antonio to local Guard Units. The field range has four extra large size burners and is connected to the gas contained by copper tubing and an automatic regulator. Regular Army personnel at Camp Bullis inspected this set-up with great interest. Pvt. Vandervoort and Mess Sgt. Thrift of the 2nd Training and Research Unit pronounce it O.K. and say that it beats the old method of cooking

with wood. The unit has now discarded a kerosene field range which they have experimented with previously.

Lower right: Corporal Ken Barnes and Sergeant Donald MacMahan take off their shirts and really get to work on a target which has "stuck" and hard to raise.

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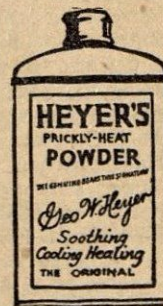
Pvt.: "I hear it's all off between you and Betty Jo. What happened?"

Cpl.: "She asked me what's Betty Grable got that she hasn't got?"

Pvt.: "Yeah?"

Cpl.: "Well, I told her."

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# GUARDIANS OF THE AMERICAN HOME FRONT

(Editor's Note: The following excellent article was written for the American Legion Magazine by William J. Brittain and is used in The Guardsman through the gracious permission of Mr. Alexander Gardiner, editor of the American Legion Magazine.)

In Missouri and Ohio they fought the thrusting rivers. In the mountain country they battled forest fires. At Mobile and in Beaumont they stood firm against mobs that threatened race war. In California and along the hostile Atlantic they patrolled the beaches. In West Virginia they went into the earth to bring out the dead and the living of a mine disaster.

They are America's army without banners and without medals—the State Guards of our Sovereign States.

For almost three years they have drilled faithfully; they have unquestionably endured the half-amused taunts of "tin soldiers." They look over the oceans to Bataan and Burma and Mateur and Salerno and want to be there, but even when they know finally that they can never go, they also know that they are fighting the war in their own way.

Conceived in October, 1940, as the National Guard passed into federal service, grown to adolescence under the shock of the post-Pearl Harbor days with their frantic alarms, the Guards have matured in the long weary months since then—months when only their stubborn determination to serve their States and country kept them organized. There are more than 150,000 of them, mustered in 44 States and in the territories of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.

They are the spiritual descendants of the provincial infantry of the French and Indian War, of the Minute Men of Lexington, of the state levies who battled Indians along the expanding frontier. They are the face of America, a voluntary democratic force drawn from every class, every race, every neighborhood to maintain law and order on the home front—and, if necessary, to protect those home in battle.

For the vast majority of the State Guard officers and men, service in the state troops is compensation for missing the Big Scrap. They are too old or too young for the fighting fronts, or physically unfit for the rigors of modern war, or are key workers not permitted to enlist. The majority are either veterans of World War I who have refused to "stand by" during World War II, or boys not yet called up by the draft but who are earnestly intent on getting the best kind of pre-induction training—actual military service. The percentage of World War veterans—who call themselves "retreads"—ranges from as low as 16 per cent in some units to 80 per cent in others.

"Representative" is a mild term for the State Guards. In one company of New York's Seventh Regiment are a teacher and a perfume-sniffer, a butcher and a cloth-spreader, a color-matcher, a paper-hanger, a banker, a broker and a stock clerk. The guards are of every age—each State has set its own age limits, ranging from 18 to 50 on one hand and 17 to 64 on the other—but the national average age is 39 for officers, 32 for enlisted men.

The Secretary of War has broad authority over the organization and training of State Guards which are to be federally aided, as well as authority to clothe, equip, and assist in maintenance of such units as he deems necessary.

The National Guard Bureau is the War Department office of record for State Guard, charged with the administration of War Department plans, policies, and procedures relating to their organization, equipment and training. Coordination and supervision of such plans and policies are vested in the commanding generals of the respective service commands.

Integral Parts  
Major General John F. Williams,  
Chief of the National Guard Bu-

They're "maintaining law and order" all over America, the State Guardsman who but for age and physical condition would be in Uncle Sam's uniform. A goodly percentage of them are Legionnaires, proud to be of service to community, state and nation.

reau, and a former Commander of the Department of Missouri of the American Legion, emphasizes that the State Guards are integral parts of the executive departments of the various state governments—in other words, they are not and cannot be federal troops, and will not be employed as such. The relation of the War Department to the State forces is that of counselor, not that of boss.

In most of the States, the Guards have already seen service, some of it arduous. The first active duty came during the summer and fall of 1941, before we were at war, mostly in connection with minor civil disturbances or natural disasters. But the Guards went through their test of fire in the hectic weeks and months after December 7, 1941.

It was immediately apparent that state and local police forces were inadequate to cope with the many security missions which the outbreak of war brought. Federal troops, concentrating for action, were often unavailable. So the State Guards were mobilized. They patrolled the lonely beaches, guarded reservoirs and bridges, stood post in vital railway yards and along truck highways.

In many states they remained on active duty until late January and February of 1942, when Army troops and augmented civilian guard details started to take over their duties. In California state troops remained on full-time active duty until last spring, guarding far-flung strategic areas and points at which a fifth column might strike; by December, 1942, the California Guard had mobilized more than 10,000 officers and men. In all, about 14,000 Guardsmen were on active duty after Pearl Harbor.

## In the East

In Connecticut these State Guardsmen patrolled the highways along the New York border in pursuit of reported "parachutists." In Rhode Island and in the western States they fought forest fires. In Vermont they captured an arsonist. In New York they battled a flood at Orlean and guarded a crippled Army bomber. At Honesdale and Port Allegheny in Pennsylvania and at Cumberland in Maryland they did flood duty.

The New Jersey Guard remained on active duty at strategic points until late in 1942, maintaining a "permanent active duty" battalion of more than 500 officers and men. In the Sea Islands off the Georgia Coast a State Guard boat patrol was coordinated with beach patrols in the dark days of last year when submarines prowled our shores. In Mississippi State Guardsmen protected life and property at war-swollen Pascagula against threatened mob violence.

In Tennessee Guardsmen collected 2,000,000 pounds of scrap metal, and at Pursglove, West Virginia, State Troops guarded the scene of a mine disaster and aided in rescue work. Through the Middle West, during the floods of last spring and summer that drove thousands from their homes and disrupted war-choked communications, State Guardsmen were on duty. Often without shelter from the driving rains, sometimes with no hot food for days, they patrolled roads in the flooded areas, manned boats to rescue flood victims, pitched sandbags to plug broken levees.

At Dixon, Illinois, Guardsmen were on duty at the scene of a train wreck, and in Missouri the Guards were called out to protect the vital transcontinental pipeline when its construction was endangered by labor violence.

Michigan has kept hundreds of

state troopers on active duty ever since Pearl Harbor, guarding the strategic international bridges and canal locks upon which so much of the U. S.-Canadian war effort depends. In Detroit, Guardsmen were called out early last summer to combat the flaring race riots—more than 2,000 men were on duty at Detroit, Pontiac, Ypsilanti, Flint and Muskegon.

It was at Detroit, incidentally, where the State Guards' lack of mobility, one of their chief problems, was revealed. Gen. Williams himself has called attention to this in recent speeches before State Guard officers, but efforts to remedy the situation have been only partially successful. The Michigan State Guards were mobilized in the armories during the disturbances, and some made their way to Detroit by train and other means to reinforce the Detroit units, but the rioting was brought under control by federal troops who possessed the mobility to move into the danger points, and by State Guard units living in the Detroit area.

Race war also called out the Mississippi State Guard at Mobile, and the Texas Guard at Beaumont, where order was restored. At Ketchum, Idaho, ten Guardsmen shoveled through a mile of snow five feet deep to free a blocked train, permitting it to arrive at its destination, according to the official report, "only a day late."

The territories—Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico—have their own Guard units, administered in the same way as the various States. The Hawaii Territorial Guard, including many Americans of Japanese ancestry, went on duty immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor and did yeoman service.

The Alaskan Guard is open only to tried and true sourdoughs who have at least one solo hunting or camping trip to their credit. Their training is largely of the guerrilla type.

## Guerrilla Training

Indeed, "guerrilla" training has proved highly popular with all the state units. Their lack of adequate heavy equipment made it obvious from the beginning that they would not be expected to meet any invading columns in pitched battle. Their role was visualized, rather—in those days when invasion was by no means impossible—as anti-fifth column or anti-paratroop units; in the event of invasion, their only contact with enemy columns would be hit-and-run.

Guerrilla training with its emphasis on individual courage and skill, roused enthusiasm among the men at a time when a sore lack of equipment and arms was a serious demobilizing factor. Jurists and bankers, butchers and bakers, many of them considerably more portly than they were when they were making the world safe for democracy, struggled manfully with the principles of silent assassination—

and, dirty and tired, felt deep satisfaction.

The mission of the State Guards is clearly defined by the War Department. They are to maintain the state laws, to suppress civil disorder, and to protect life and property. They will meet such emergencies as may arise within the state boundaries, including civil disturbances and disasters arising from war or other causes.

They are to guard and protect vital industries, installations and facilities essential to the war effort, when other means—such as local police or hired civilian guards—are deemed inadequate by the state or federal authorities.

They are to prevent or suppress the activities of enemy agents, such as fifth columnists, saboteurs or parachute troops, either in the absence of or in support of Federal troops. They are to cooperate with the Federal authorities in extreme emergencies, especially in performing observation and informational duties at or near the frontiers.

They are to supervise the evacuation of civilians from areas that are threatened.

## Mission Has Changed

The Guards' mission has changed since the first days of the war, when fifth-column uprising and quick air-borne stabs at vital installations were not impossible, even if improbable. Then State troops might have been called upon not only to suppress disturbances, but actively to defend their homes. War Department plans envisaged use of Guards in cooperation with the Army in a possible theater of operations extending 300 miles inland from the coasts. Emergency plans were drawn up in conferences between Service Command authorities and State Guard officials.

Those plans were never called into play, and as the United Nations have passed from an embittered defensive to the attack, the chances are that they never will be. But the plans are still there, and the Guards' training takes them into full account. In the meantime, their duties are covered by that part of their authorized mission charging them to maintain the laws and protect life and property.

Biggest stumbling block in the Guards' progress has been lack of equipment. When they were organized in 1940-1941, the Federal Government through the National Guard Bureau made available thousands of Model 1917 Enfield rifles and considerable quantities of such individual equipment as haversacks, mess gear and cartridge belts, which could be purchased by the States.

Everything else had to be procured through commercial channels, but not in competition with Federal

war purchasing. Since few States could afford any heavy outlay of funds for such purposes—total state defense expenditures between 1940 and June of 1943 is in the neighborhood of \$30,000,000—the result was a conglomeration of half-armed, half-equipped troops.

Since that time, the States have been able to obtain, through the National Guard Bureau, quantities of khaki summer uniforms, olive-drab woollens or spruce-green CCC uniforms and uniform cloth. This has been generally insufficient, however, and many States have designed and purchased their own distinctive uniforms. At the same time the list of individual arms and equipment issued by the War Department is being expanded, so the Guards' equipment outlook is considerably brighter today than a year ago.

## Serious Blow

A serious blow to the Guards—at least to their self-respect—fell last year when their Enfield rifles and bayonets were called in by the War Department. The weapons were badly needed elsewhere, and the Army was unable to supply the Guards with modern high-powered rifles. Instead scores of thousands of single-barreled 12-gauge shotguns and Thompson submachine guns were procured and issued by the War Department. In some instances, these Federally-owned arms (the weapons remain Federal property and must be accounted for) were augmented by state-purchased commercial arms.

In recent months, however, as the need for the old Enfields declined in the face of an ever-growing flood of modern weapons, the Enfields have started to go back to the Guards. About ten per cent of the total number of State Guards (Continued from Page 7)

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# Texas Guard Best Trained, Says Visitor

Texas State Guard tops all state guards over the nation in strength and training, according to Lt. Col. A. J. Maxham, adjutant general's department of Missouri, and plans and training officer for the Missouri State Guard.

Col. Maxham spent several days of April in Austin getting information from the Texas adjutant general's department on the plans for the state guard officer school to be held at Camp Bullis this summer. Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, G-3, and Capt. John Kokernot, assistant G-3, went over the Texas officers' training schedule in detail, which will be used in the Missouri guard officers' school.

Maj. Fred McMahon, assistant plans officer of the Missouri State Guard, accompanied Col. Maxham on the trip to Texas, and took part in the discussions of the plans for the officers' camps.

"The Missouri State Guard has heard for a long time about the Texas State Guard and of its high state of training," stated Col. Maxham. "At a recent course on state military forces given at the staff school at Ft. Leavenworth, the instructor often referred to the Texas State Guard and its excellent course of instruction and school for officers."

"After seeing the plans for the 1944 school for Texas State Guard officers, many of which we plan to use in Missouri, I know why Texas is tops in its training of men and officers."

The two visiting officers liked the plans for the guard school on company management, and its course for staff officers as outlined to them by Lt. Col. George D. Thomas and Capt. Kokernot.

Col. Maxham and Maj. McMahon visited state guards in various states of the nation, and they were impressed with the fine spirit of service in these voluntary organizations.

## Guardians

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now have Enfields; the rest keep their shotguns and tommy-guns. Indeed, many have indicated that they intend to keep their stocks of shotguns and tommy-guns, since these are often of more use in suppressing any civil disturbances than the high-powered rifle.

Few of the state troops have any sort of automatic weapons except the Thompsons, but some have managed to purchase such arms on the open market from private arms manufacturers. Some States are using the Reising submachine gun, favored by the Marines.

Most of the guard units are using state-owned trucks and automobiles or are renting private vehicles. The War Department has been able to sell a handful of obsolescent army trucks to state troops, but these are but a small percentage of the vehicles needed to give the Guards even a semblance of tactical mobility. In some instances the Army has made its own trucks available to the Guards for training purposes, but generally speaking, lack of transport has seriously handicapped the state forces both in training and in the efficient performance of their duties.

### Training Facilities

The Service Commands have made army training facilities available to guard officers and, in some cases, guard non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. However, the Service Commands have not been uniform in the extent of this service; the First Service Command, in New England, has probably been the most active. Hundreds of New England officers have been trained at Concord, Massachusetts, and later at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, where they received valuable instruction not only from army personnel but from men who had observed England's Home Guard in action.

Guard officers and non-coms faithfully attend the one or two

## Missouri Officers In Conference



weeks' training courses made available to them by the Service Commands, giving up their summer vacations cheerfully. At most camps the officers act as "privates," learning their jobs from the ground up.

The Guards in most States have also established their own training camps, where both officers and men undergo intensive training for a short period each year. Attendance at the camp is always voluntary—and always excellent. It is at the camps where the essentially democratic character of the Guards is best illustrated.

At a New York State camp, an upstate county attorney, an officer, noticed a lowly private earnestly peeling spuds outside of the mess hall.

"That," said the officer, "is just the job for you."

The private was the judge of the attorney's court.

At a Texas camp, an officer told a reporter, "Sure, we're democratic. Everybody gets the same pay around here, from privates to generals—nothing."

Some of the States have authorized active duty pay for their Guardsmen equal to that paid for their equivalent rank by the Army.

Various Army Service Forces service schools have recently been opened to State Guard officers, under the authority of Brigg. Gen. Walter W. Weible, Director of A. S. F. Military Training, and quotas are being filled now.

Perhaps one of the most important functions of the State Guards has been their tremendous service to the armed forces through their voluntary pre-induction training of young men. There are no figures immediately available as to the number of men who have passed through State Guard ranks into the Army or Navy, but the figure runs into the scores of thousands.

"Men trained by the Guards before going into the Army," says Gen. Williams, "have repeatedly proved their training is extremely valuable. They are already familiar with military discipline, and with many of the problems of army life. Their adjustment to their new environment is not so difficult. They are familiar with weap-

ons. They are more physically fit than they would have been without their Guard training.

"We in Washington hear of guard-trained men receiving their stripes in a very short time after induction. Hundreds have gone through Officer Candidate Schools, and are today leading their men in battle.

"Many of the state units have made an especial appeal to young men and to boys of pre-draft age, urging them to join for training before the Army calls."

The rapid turnover, reaching in some units as much as 100 per cent in a year, has been one of the big problems of the Guards, but they have met it with the knowledge that it is an important part of their service to their country.

Morale of the men who form the State Guards is universally high. Both officers and men, conscious of the service they are performing, turn out faithfully for drill and field training. Most of their training must be done at night; in thousands of offices and plants the nation over, weary, footsore and bramble-scratched men report for work after a night spent in crawling or running through fields—tired, but secure in the knowledge that they also serve.

The State Guards of the sover-

## Guard Furnishes New Chief Of Valley Cap

The Texas State Guard has furnished the new commander of the Upper Valley squadron of the Civil Air Patrol—Lt. Paul Harris, who has been discharged as a sergeant in Co. B, McAllen.

Lieutenant Harris has served both as a CAP officer and as a TSG sergeant for several months, but when his promotion to the command of the air unit arrived his duties increased immeasurably.

Five non-coms of Co. B received the hand salute from the company at a recent drill session in tribute to their persevering work with the guard. All were original enlistees with the company and all have completed their first three-year enlistments and are coming back for more. The group, commanded by Capt. Hans H. Rothe, included S/Sgts. Osborne Webb, Pressie Cook and L. W. Ely, Sgt. Garland Deal and Pfc. Charles Kent.

eign States, direct descendants of the fighting militia of America's youth, are carrying on. Despite public apathy, despite misunderstanding of their mission and occasional charges of political manipulation, despite a chronic lack of equipment, they go on doing an unsung but vital job in winning the war. They can do no more.

## Nurses Needed Badly, Gen. Somervell Says San Antonio General

With most of the Army Nurse Corps overseas on every battle-front, the Army this week commended the Corps "for gallant service" and made an urgent plea for more nurses needed within the Continental limits of the United States and overseas.

Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces, said: "No more gallant service has been recorded in this war than that of the Army Nurse. . . . We must fill the vacancies now existing in the ranks of the Army Nurse Corps, and it is my belief that a ready response will be forthcoming from the qualified nurses of this country."

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## 7th Battalion Maneuvers At San Jacinto

By CAPT. C. C. BATEMAN  
Executive Officer, 7th Bn., T.S.G.

The Seventh Battalion, Texas State Guard, commanded by Major Vincent Chiodo, executed a maneuver at San Jacinto battle ground April 29.

The maneuver was planned by Capt. S. N. Harrell, operations and training officer. A warning order was issued prior to mobilization and the troops moved out in convoy with Lt. W. G. Buck as convoy commander. Lt. E. B. Fontenot was quartering officer. The convoy was escorted out of Houston and through Pasadena by Houston and Pasadena police officers.

At 2245, exactly one hour and 45 minutes from the time of leaving the Seventh armory, the troops were at the bivouac area. Camp was set up and the unit was ready for demonstrations to begin at 2300.

### Administrative Work

Stress was placed on administrative functions of each unit, particularly those reports necessary when a battalion is operating in the field. Each unit submitted to battalion headquarters a complete mobilization report, morning report and sick report. They were also required to have in their own files a duty roster. The officer of the guard, Lt. E. A. Trow, submitted a guard roster, Lt. P. F. Rosenstein, sanitation officer, submitted a camp sanitation report, and Capt. F. J. Slataper, medical officer, submitted a medical report.

At 2300, the battalion was formed in an open area and a demonstration of gas equipment, parachute flares, signal pyrotechnics and tracer ammunition was given by Company D under the command of Capt. J. L. Caveness. During this demonstration a patrol was sent out to show the effect of men moving during the burning of parachute flares.

Unbeknown to all but a few staff officers plans had been laid for a night attack by Company B of Pasadena, commanded by Capt. R. L. J. DeWease. Immediately upon initiation of the attack, all members of the staff were to retire, simulating the wiping out of battalion CP and leaving the company commanders to act on their own initiative. Company B succeeded in getting into battalion CP, and although there was some hesitation and confusion at first, the battalion rallied and Company E, under command of Capt. R. C. Clappitt, succeeded in repulsing the attack and establishing a line of defense until the situation could be cleared.

### Equipment Displayed

At 0910 Sunday the battalion formed for display of equipment and a complete inspection was made by Major Chiodo and his staff. Special commendation was given to Company E for most complete display and overall efficiency in preparation.

The battalion then returned to the bivouac area and at 1130 divine services were held by Chaplain E. R. Bartlam.

At 1500 the units formed and at 1505 moved out to the parade ground for a battalion review and parade with full field equipment.

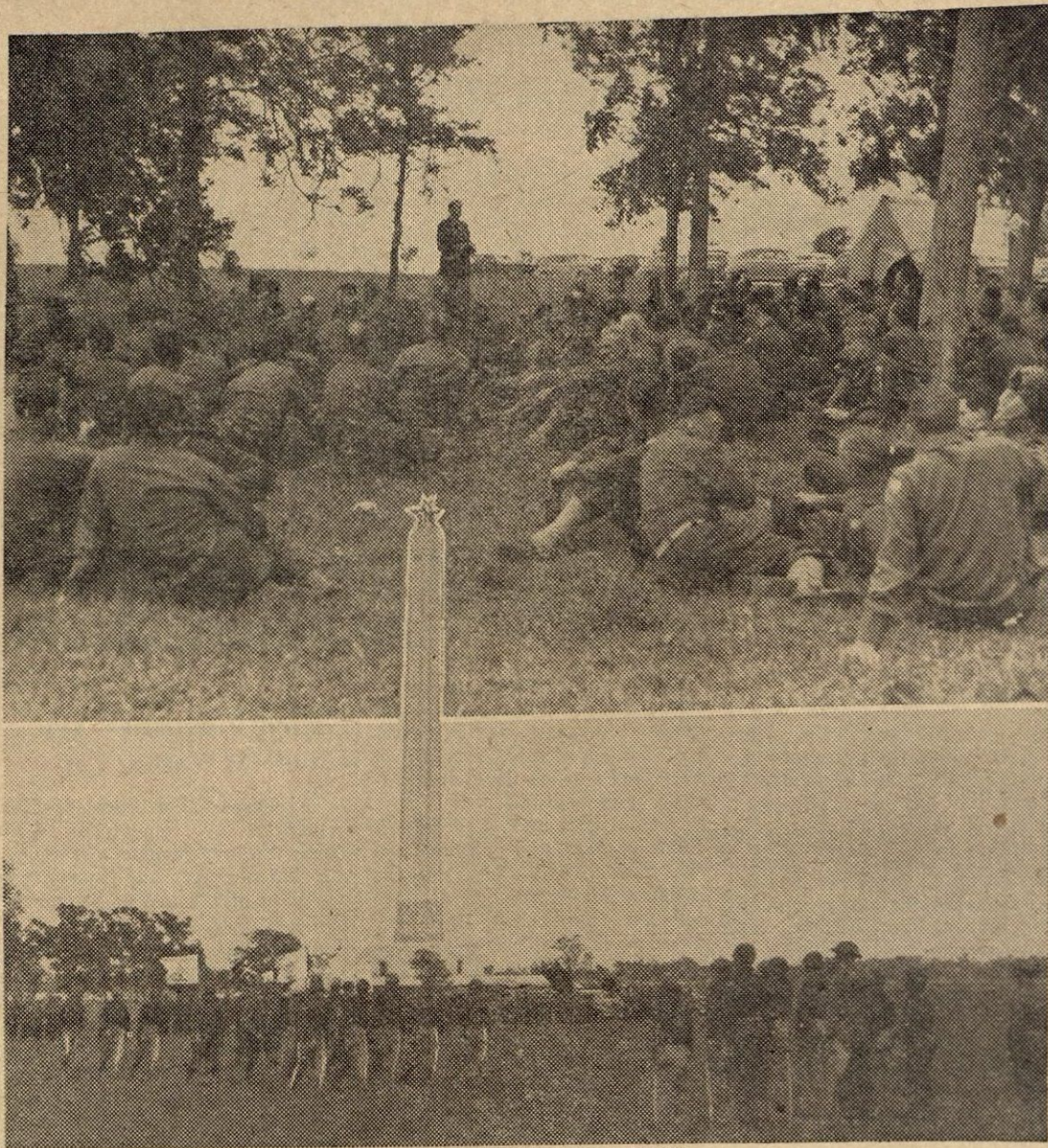
During the review demonstrations were given by several companies. Company A, under command of Capt. A. D. Farrior, gave a demonstration of erection of field telephone lines.

Company C under command of Capt. Wilson Fraser gave a demonstration of close order drill under direction of First Sgt. R. L. Lowe, and Company D, under command of Capt. J. L. Caveness, gave another demonstration of his highly efficient gas unit in action.

After these demonstrations, the battalion passed in review, reformed in convoy and moved out at 1600 to return to the battalion armory.

This maneuver was highly successful from the point of view that even though many mistakes were made, they were corrected and will not be made the second time. The efficiency of the battalion as a

## Seventh Bivouacs At Battleground



Top: Chaplain E. R. Bartlam holds services at the Seventh Battalion's maneuver at San Jacinto battle ground.

Center: The battalion passes in review before Major Vincent Chiodo and staff.

Below: Part of the unit is shown lined up for inspection on the bivouac area.

### McAllen Unit Hears Talk On Photography

An educational discussion of aerial photography and map reading marked a meeting of the service detachment, McAllen, of the 31st Battalion of the TSG on May 8, when Warrant Officer (jg) W. R. Hanle of the Moore Field photographic section was the speaker.

Hanle pointed out that modern aerial photography has superseded, in some cases, and improved on in others, the ancient military craft of mapping terrain and reconnoitering the enemy.

He displayed several photos which proved his points. From an ordinary aerial photo of a strange city he pointed out how railway lines, railway junctions, power stations, water storage plants and other vital establishments could be easily detected, even in spite of camouflage. Then he displayed aerial photos of anti-aircraft gun emplacements which, although well screened, could still be identified by tell-tale paths over which supplies were taken to them.

The session was attended not only by the service unit of McAllen but by the battalion's medical detachment and representatives from Co. A at Mission and Co. C at Pharr. Maj. Lloyd W. Davis of the medical detachment presented the speaker.

### Corporal In 36th Is Home For Visit

Cpl. Eugene P. Guckien, 36th Infantry Division, of Route 3, Gonzales, Texas, is home from Italy on rotation to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Guckien.

Leader of an anti-tank squad manning a .57-mm infantry gun, Cpl. Guckien says his narrowest escape in action was when a German 105-mm. dud struck about 10 feet from him.

"It didn't go off," the doughboy said, "but I sure did!"

## Joint Problem Worked Out By Units Of 39th

The Headquarters Detachment, Service Detachment and Medical Detachment, of the 39th Battalion, joined Company A and Company C in a joint problem held on the 15th and 16th of April.

The Lubbock Units of the group, which included the Headquarters, Service, and Medical Detachments and Company A, began their exercises in their bivouac area of their regular Headquarters in the Fair Grounds at Lubbock at 2200 April 15.

First on the program was a problem of interior Guard Duty and Night Patrols, which was conducted by dividing the units up and establishing two headquarters, thereby each attempting to get through the guards or intercept the patrols of the other.

And at the end of the problem, which was at 2400, a critique was held by Battalion Officers who acted as umpires for the problem.

Reveille was sounded at 0600 April 16, at which time each unit submitted a morning report and prepared breakfast.

At 0800 the units moved out in motorized patrol to meet Company C at a point 15 miles from the Bivouac area, at the appointed time of 0850. Planes from the local CAP units were on hand to strafe the troops in column, and add great to the exercise and instruction.

All units arrived at Willis Grove (in the Canyon on Johnson's Ranch) at about 0900 to set up another bivouac area. From this point the problems for the rest of the day were carried out. Captain Wm. R. Sewell, C. O. of Company C, took charge of the exercise in this area.

In the setting of the Bivouac area each unit put up their pup tents in a Company area and the Headquarters section was set up with the Medical Section, Message Center and Communications Sections. Each of the Units received training in its own work. Latrines and garbage disposal pits were properly prepared and a combined mess was prepared.

Field telephones and semaphore were the communications used as the units moved into the field area to a place prepared as the problem area, where simulated machine gun, observation posts and mine fields were placed.

A few men were hurt in the rough terrain, and the Medical section had a splendid opportunity to function, which they did with credit to their unit. In the final phase of the problem, smoke pots were used to cover the advance of the troops.

After the problem a critique was held, then mess, after which religious services were held by a Chaplain from one of the Army bases near Lubbock.

At 1430 all the units represented in the problems moved into the target area where all men were allowed to take their place on the range. The problem lasted until 1800 when all units were dismissed at their barracks.

### They Came In With A Wing And Prayer

Kilgore.—Sgt. Julian E. Drennen of Kilgore came in on little more than a wing and a prayer at an Eighth Air Force Liberator station in England after his first mission over Germany. The bomber on which he was aerial engineer had its hydraulic and electric systems shot out by enemy flak over Achmer, Germany, and neither the brakes nor wing flaps were working when the plane came back to the field.

After aiding in the ship's return over the Channel to England, Sgt. Drennen and the rest of the crew moved to the tail of the fuselage to hold the nose of the plane in the air while the pilot brought her in. The plane stopped just before reaching the end of the runway.

whole was stepped up and can be depended upon to handle any emergency.

Major W. B. Killough and his staff, 16th Battalion, Baytown, Texas, acted as umpires during the night maneuver.

### 372,000 Texas Men, 4306 Women In Army

Texas had 372,000 men and 4,306 women in the army as of last December 31, 1943, there was a of Texas has revealed.

Between November 1, 1940, and December 31, 1943, there was a total of 402,700 Texas men and 6,439 Texas women enrolled in the army. "Lost from service" for all causes for that period were 75,694 men and 2,171 Texas women.

### Cruiser Houston Memorial Planned

Sponsored by the Houston Council of the Navy League of the United States, which was recently organized as the first unit of the league in Texas, a movement has been launched to establish a suitable memorial to the original Cruiser Houston crew, lost at sea while gallantly fighting overwhelming odds, and to the 1000 Houston volunteers who enlisted to replace the original crew on a new cruiser.

Announcement of plans for immediately developing plans for the memorial was made Thursday by George R. Brown of the Brown Shipbuilding Company, who is president of the Navy League's local council.



# 16th Pushes Full Program Of Training

By PFC. CHESTER ROGERS  
All units of the 16th Battalion will participate in an outdoor maneuver and school of instruction to be held over the week end of June 3 and 4 near the mouth of Cedar Bayou in east Harris County. It will mark the first of a series of outdoor events planned for the summer program.

The 16th Battalion has completed a two weeks course of instruction in gas masks, their use, and identification and treatment of different types of war gases. Captain Beverly E. Wilson and Lt. Willis Edge were the instructors for the course, which covered the different types of gases, effects, remedies, first aid and protection of individuals and units, as well as decontamination activities.

Two lectures of three hours each were given the service, medical and headquarters detachments, and the Companies A and B of the Tri-Cities, Company C of Highlands and Company D of Liberty.

Captain Tom Pruett conducted a two weeks school of instruction for the first sergeants and company clerks of the 16th, detailing how to handle paper work for the various units.

The medical detachment of the 16th has been organized, and now has 100 per cent attendance for four straight meetings. Major George Bruce has been promoted to commanding officer of the unit.

Captain Louis DuBus is working hard with his service detachment, and now has its membership up to full strength. He plans to stage a show on the new park adjoining the Citizens National Bank and Trust Company in Goose Creek in a few weeks to "show what a new outfit can do after three months training."

The service detachment has a unique calendar for its weekly events. "If it is pretty weather," Captain DuBus told the group, "We'll meet in the Baytown ball park, but if its raining we'll meet at the headquarters in Goose Creek."

Major Walton B. Killough, commander of the 16th, is proud of an invitation sent him to visit the opening of a Canol refinery at the huge Canol project at Whitehorse, Yukon. It was sent him by Major Jack Parsons, formerly a lieutenant in Company B of the 16th. The invitation told of plans for an of-

## Corpus Guard Trapshooters



Official opening of the refinery, a banquet and a dance.

The 16th's scrap paper drive is progressing to the point where Lt. Edge and Sgt. C. P. Blanchard are scratching their heads trying to find some place to store the bundles. Sgt. Blanchard first announced he wanted scrap paper bundle donors to telephone him, but there were so many calls he had to appeal to some of the donors to simply leave the bundles downtown in Goose Creek at the headquarters.

The headquarters detachment of the 28th Battalion, Corpus Christi, held a trapshoot recently and the event was so successful that the unit plans to make it a monthly part of training activities. The shoot was under the direction of Lt. Oliver, who was assister by Pvt. Arnold. The men who took part were:

Reading from left to right, front row: Lt. Nelson C. Oliver, CO; S/Sgt. Cecil E. Womack (now in Army), Cpl. Robt. Lee Teutsch, Pfc. Herbert Dickenson,

Cpl. Wm. B. Scott, Pvt. Lurry J. Rabalais, Sgt. W. H. Holmes, Pvt. V. C. Arnold, M/Sgt. G. T. Gibson. Back row: Sgt. David L. Carter, Pvt. Wm. A. Wade, Pvt. Frank M. Bradshaw, Pvt. M. P. Blake, Pfc. Clyde T. Geiger, Pvt. J. R. Hankins, Sgt. Robt. J. Green.

## Optimistic Nips Send 'Surrender' Passes To Yanks

The Japanese can be credited with being optimistic, to say the least, because of the issuance of "surrender passes" and other propaganda literature to the Yank soldiers they fight in the Pacific.

The passes, revealed by the Office of War Information in Washington, tell the Americans how they can surrender.

Some are pornographic leaflets designed to worry men at lonely outposts about the fidelity of their wives or sweethearts. Some say that G. I. Joe is a "sucker" to fight for the higher-ups.

Still others try to spread distrust between Allied troops and lampoon political and military leaders.

## Wins Legion Of Merit

Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkson, San Antonio, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services." The award was made by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Commander of Army Forces in the Central Pacific.

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## 5th Battalion Fires Heavy Machine Guns

The feel of a .30-caliber heavy machine gun trigger under their own left index finger highlighted the week-end bivouac for members of the Fifth Battalion at Camp Mabry, Austin, April 29.

A taste of firing the army's most deadly infantry support weapon came after the machine gun platoon of Company H, 405th Infantry regiment, 102nd division, at Camp Swift, had demonstrated setting up a machine gun position under simulated battle conditions and laid down a fiery barrage on enemy targets. Tracer bullets were used exclusively in the demonstration and by the guardsmen, and most of the firing was at 500 yards.

First Lt. C. J. Merrill, commanding the platoon, gave an interesting lecture on the technique of machine gun fire and the squad leaders "field stripped" the gun to show the mechanism and explain its nomenclature.

The platoon commander also outlined the organization of a machine gun platoon, and pointed out the duties of each member.

The smartly drilled platoon carried full field equipment, including Garand rifles for some of its members and the new light .30 caliber carbine for others. The officer in charge of the platoon carried a carbine, and several of the sergeants carried as side arms the .45 caliber automatic.

The demonstration came Sunday morning, after the Fifth Battalion had spent the night at their barracks, following a tent pitching and guard problem Saturday night, and a tour of vital defense points early Sunday morning.

Capt. J. P. Crowe, who was one of the three guard officers selected from Texas to attend the Ft. Belvoir school for army officers last fall, gave the men of the Fifth Battalion an intense two-hour instruction and field practice course in the use of the bayonet during the week end.

## Invasion Currency Samples Given T. U.

Austin.—Samples of today's newest money—the "invasion" currency of Allied forces for use in occupied territory—has joined the large collection of paper money and coins of all ages at the Texas Memorial Museum here on the University of Texas campus.

Gift of Col. H. Miller Ainsworth of Luling, the invasion money is currently exhibited in the museum's history division. It includes a \$10 bill issued to members of the armed forces upon their occupation of areas formerly held by the Axis, several Italian notes—1, 5 and 10 lira—francs of the Bank of Morocco; a franc of the Bank of Algiers, and a five-shilling piece issued by the British Military Authority.

Col. Ainsworth, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, has recently returned from active duty in North Africa and Italy with the famous 36th Division.

## Texas' General Olds Wins British Award

Brig. Gen. William Olds, 42, of Uvalde, Texas, has been awarded the British distinguished service order for his work in commanding a troop carrier plane unit in Burma. One of Major Olds' major achievements was in landing daily supplies for the air-borne forces fighting the Japs in Burma.

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These veterans, all members of Company D, 2nd Battalion, are, first row, left to right: Sgt. Richard H. Galey, Sgt. Sam Lister, Staff Sgt. Ralph I. Kight, and Sgt. Lawrence H. Owen. Back row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Frank C. Wood, Tech. 5th Gr. Stephen O. Kimmel, Sgt. Chas.

W. McCabe, and 1st Sgt. William C. Rau.

These men have given, by night and on week-ends, a combine of over 6,000 hours. They are the "G. I. Joes" of the Texas State guard—business men by day, soldiers by night—serving in a company of the famous Light Guard, the Second Battalion, whose motto has been since 1873 "Ever Ready." So, when the call came through for supporting units during the civil disturbance at Beaumont, all of these veterans, who wear the service bar of Martial Law, proceeded on their way to maintain the peace and dignity of a disturbed area of the State of Texas.

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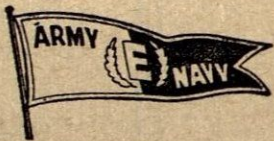
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# 50th Battalion School Held At Texarkana

By CAPT. E. R. BONDURANT  
Executive Officer, 50th Bn.

On the evening of April 29, the officers and non-commissioned officers of the 50th Battalion, composed of Company A of Atlanta, Company B of New Boston, Companies C and D of Texarkana, Company E of Mt. Pleasant, and the headquarters units, assembled in Texarkana for a period of instruction. Sleeping quarters were provided in barracks of the Texarkana College, and the facilities of the home economics department were utilized in preparing mess.

In spite of a downpour of rain all Saturday afternoon and night, attendance was excellent. The companies from Atlanta, New Boston, and Mount Pleasant are to be complimented for their fine attendance in spite of transportation difficulties.

The recently organized Service Detachment, under the command of Capt. H. L. Lamb and Lt. R. C. Walker, demonstrated its ability to provide for battalion needs in case of maneuvers or emergency call. The men all complimented the efficiency with which the needs were provided for.

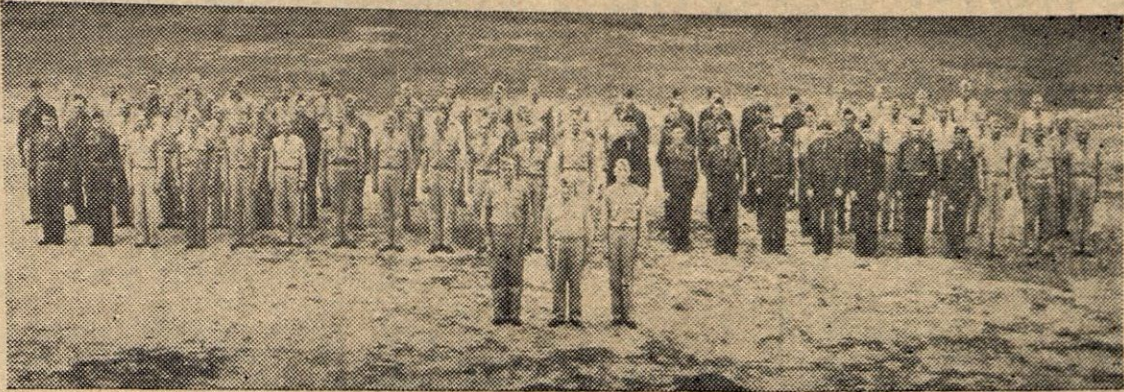
The morale of the group was exceptionally good. All who were in attendance seemed interested in getting everything possible from the school. Seriousness of purpose characterized the meetings. The school gave increased confidence in the ability of the Texas State Guard to meet emergencies and emphasized the need for the organization. Such schools as this are factors in producing better understanding of the services the Guard can render and helping create a stronger public support which is needed to bring the organization to the strength that the exigencies of the times demand.

**Registration**

The following registration statistics are of interest: Company A—2 officers, 10 non-commissioned officers; Company B—3 officers, 2 non-commissioned officers; Company C—2 officers, 14 non-commissioned officers; Company D—2 officers, 12 non-commissioned officers; Company E—3 officers, 9 non-commissioned officers; Headquarters Detachment—5 officers, 1 non-commissioned officer; Medical Detachment—1 officer, 2 non-commissioned officers; Service Detachment—2 officers, 6 non-commissioned officers. A total of 74 registrations for the school speaks well for the interest in the battalion. More than twice this number participated in the Sunday afternoon demonstrations. Capt. Fred H. Enckhausen, plans and training officer for the battalion, arranged the program. Capt. Elmer R. Bondurant had immediate supervision of the school.

One of the chief problems confronting the 50th Battalion at this time is maintenance of the enlisted

# 50th Battalion Assembled At School



strength. With the armed forces taking men and others being forced to withdraw because of conflict with regular jobs, the various unit commanders are finding it difficult to bring their units up to the efficiency they desire.

There is also a need for a better education of the public as to the value of the Guard so that the men will feel that public sentiment is back of them. There is considerable tendency on the part of some to discredit or belittle the Guard. This attitude discourages the men who are devoting their time to this activity. More Guard publicity will help correct this condition.

A list of those who attended is attached.

**Saturday, April 29**

7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Registration.  
8:00 to 10:00 p.m., Purpose of School—Major Henry W. Stilwell. Training Films.  
10:30 p.m., Call to quarters.  
10:45 p.m., Taps.

**Sunday, April 30**

6:00 a.m., First call.  
6:15 a.m., Reveille.  
6:30 a.m., Breakfast.  
7:30 to 7:45 a.m., Chapel service.  
7:45 to 8:00 a.m., Close order drill.  
8:00 to 11:30 a.m., Map reading and sketching.  
12:00 Noon, Dinner.  
1:15 to 1:45 p.m., Duties of Non-Commissioned Officers—Capt. Elmer R. Bondurant.  
1:45 to 2:15 p.m., Demonstration, Informal Guard Mount—Company C, 50th Bn.  
2:15 to 2:45 p.m., Demonstration Riot Formation—Company D, 50th Bn.  
2:45 to 3:15 p.m., Skeleton parade. Roster of officers and non-commissioned officers in attendance:

**Headquarters**  
Major H. W. Stilwell, Bn. Com.  
Capt. E. R. Bondurant  
Capt. F. H. Enckhausen  
1st Lt. B. B. Lawson  
M/Sgt. J. B. Richardson

**Medical Detachment**  
1st Lt. W. P. Akin  
Sgt. C. K. Bender  
Pvt. H. M. Tagart

**Service Detachment**  
Capt. H. L. Lamb

1st Lt. R. C. Walker  
1st Sgt. A. H. Godfrey  
Sgt. M. Fountain  
Sgt. W. C. Harland  
Sgt. Roberts  
Cpl. W. F. Harris.  
Cpl. C. T. Helpenstill  
T/4 C. I. Smith

**Company C**

2nd Lt. E. G. Hensley  
2nd Lt. B. W. Musgraves  
1st Sgt. A. L. Heflin  
S/Sgt. G. I. Keller  
Sgt. C. W. Dixon  
Sgt. H. H. Henry  
Sgt. W. R. Miller  
Sgt. S. W. D. Narramore  
Sgt. J. W. Radcliff  
Sgt. J. L. Sherrer  
Sgt. P. D. Siro  
T/5 R. R. Carter  
Cpl. L. L. Chambless  
Cpl. J. O. Cox  
Cpl. I. K. Cross  
Pvt. Tommy Young

**Company E**

Capt. L. P. Livingston  
1st Lt. C. E. Croxton  
2nd Lt. G. L. Broigoitti  
S/Sgt. W. E. Dorsey  
Sgt. N. R. Bice  
Sgt. Ivan E. Frizzell  
Sgt. H. L. Hess, Jr.  
Sgt. C. E. Rogers, Jr.  
Sgt. H. C. Shumaker  
Cpl. Bennie Adkins  
Cpl. Dan Gilpin  
Cpl. Paul E. Harlow

**Company A**

Capt. Leo M. Mosley  
Lt. J. M. Malonee  
S/Sgt. Daniel L. Morris  
T/Sgt. A. V. Rachel  
Sgt. J. H. Brown  
Sgt. Nathan Carroll

Sgt. W. L. Cook  
Sgt. J. E. Mathis  
Sgt. W. L. Robertson  
Cpl. L. D. Beene  
Cpl. Eldridge Bustiom  
Cpl. Fred Cameron  
Cpl. W. H. McGill

**Company D**

Capt. G. M. Alverson  
2nd Lt. L. E. Hardin  
1st Lt. J. T. Starkes  
S/Sgt. R. D. Carroll, Jr.  
S/Sgt. Sam Lane  
Sgt. Billy Higginbotham  
Sgt. Harry Vaughn  
Sgt. James R. Turner  
Cpl. Bill Joe Ballard  
Cpl. John E. Christian  
Cpl. Ray Garner  
Cpl. Frank Lawson  
Pfc. David Flatt  
Pfc. Harold Kindle

**Company B**

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# GENERAL DRUM LOOKS AT STATE GUARD FUTURE

## Lineup Similar To Old National Guard Is Foreseen

Present indications are that State forces along the lines of the old National Guard will be reestablished after the war, Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, USA-Ret., declared at the annual dinner of the New York State Guard. General Drum, formerly commanding general of the Eastern Defense Command and now head of the New York Guard, recently returned to New York after conferences with War Department officials in Washington.

"Plans are now being formulated," General Drum said, "relative to the place State forces will play in our National Defense forces. The picture is not clear or complete to date, as many indeterminate factors are involved. It does appear that State forces along the lines of the old National Guard will be reestablished."

"If a Universal Training and Obligation System is adopted, the State forces participating, we will have forces of all arms and services and can look forward to an active participation on the basis of a joint State-Federal controlled, homogenous force."

Continuing, the General said: "Our plans for the future of the State force after the war are being formulated. You must realize that the National Guard units now in Federal service will not return to the State with the same personnel as when they left some three years ago."

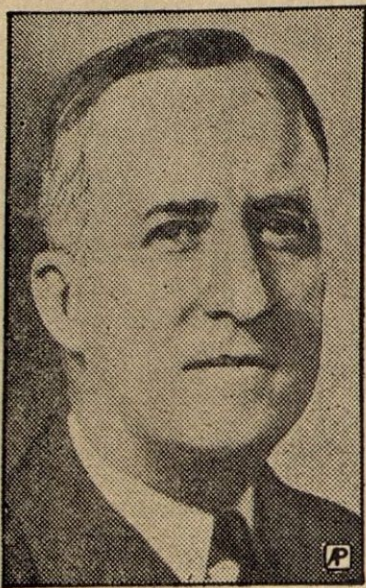
"The personnel has been spread throughout the whole Army. Many organizations have been broken up and several new ones organized. Consequently, what will come back, in the main, will be unit designations and thousands of individuals. They will not return as a whole, but in small groups as war ends in various parts of the world."

"It seems evident that the existing State Guard units will have to form the nucleus of the reconstituted New York National Guard. The amalgamating and rebuilding of this new force will be a task resting to a large extent on your shoulders and I hope you will give serious thought to this problem."

Discussing State Guards, the General said:

"With the entry of the State National Guard into Federal service and the organization of large Federal forces, a tendency developed on the part of some authorities to

## Gen. Hugh Drum



ignore the existence and functions of State military forces. These authorities appeared to desire that the full burden of "law and order" in a broad sense, should rest upon the Federal government and its armed forces. They planned to federalize rather completely what is called 'internal security.'

"Starting with defense of the coast and frontier and the transportation systems essential thereto and to shipments overseas, the security of production plants was also tied into the system. No doubt war conditions warranted such action in these specific cases."

"However, with attempts to extend the scope of the Federal system to include domestic disturbances, local disasters and protective powers of the State, the fundamentals of our government were being jeopardized. The sovereignty of the State would be supplanted and absorbed by centralized authority. The traditional principle that the protective power of the State

should employ all State resources before calling for Federal assistance was about to be discarded.

"I do not believe that this trend was desirable—at least so far as it concerns the military power and responsibility of the State—and I am pleased to see very definite signs that it is being reversed. The progress of the war has carried large Federal forces overseas and more will no doubt join in overseas operations. Irrespective of any theoretical tendency toward centralized control, we must face these problems with a practical viewpoint."

"Never before in this war has the State Guard been so important. Much more reliance must be placed on its availability as the protective force of the State."

"In maintaining and applying the principle of government just touched upon, it is essential that a State have at its disposal the power to perform its constitutional duty. That power comprises such military forces as may be necessary to protect its people and their property as well as to insure 'law and order.' Within the scope of this view are included all conceivable major disasters and disturbances to society and the welfare of the public."

"Our times are hard and the course of the war, and of the peace to follow, may not alleviate them in the near future—in fact, in the interest of a successful conclusion of the war, we may expect more trying times involving all phases of our life. While minor violation of the criminal laws are primarily within the functions of local authorities, the consequences of uncurbed defiance of such authorities are illustrated by the recent riots in Detroit."

"Here, minor episodes coupled with false rumors spread within the city, developed rapidly into major conflicts, causing serious losses and destruction. The early presence of adequate military forces to curb the violators would have prevented the spontaneous uprising and mob action which rapidly oc-

## Early Texas Railway History Is Published

Austin.—The story of railroad enterprise in Texas, 1836-1841, is recounted in the latest issue of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, published for the Texas State Historical Association here at the University of Texas.

Andrew Forest Muir, acting curator of the San Jacinto Memorial Museum, is the author of the article, which traces the ill-fated careers of the four railroad companies chartered by the Congress of the Republic of Texas: the Texas Rail-Road, Navigation, and Banking Company; the Brazos and Galveston Rail-Road Company; the Houston and Brazos Rail Road Company, and the Harrisburg Rail Road and Trading Company.

"The Harrisburg railroad company was the only one of the four railroads promoted during the period of the Republic of Texas that actually began construction," Muir pointed out. "It purchased ties and threw up embankments on which to lay track."

curred in many parts of the city. As soon as such forces arrived on the scene, the situation was readily taken in hand."—Army and Navy Journal.

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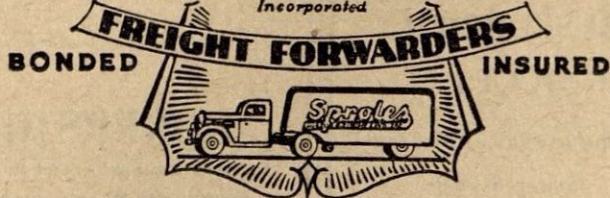
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## Silver Star Awarded To Texan For Bravery

Because he stayed behind to administer to a wounded comrade, Pharmacist's Mate Third Class James L. Lee, Jr., of Round Rock, Texas, was killed and has been posthumously awarded the silver star medal by Admiral William F. Halsey.

The Texan, whose father lived at Round Rock, died during the battle of Piva Forks on Bougainville. A platoon scout was wounded by Japanese machinegun fire. Despite warnings of danger, Lee started out to administer to the wounded man. He crawled forward even after bullets had struck both his legs. As he administered aid, both he and his patient were killed.

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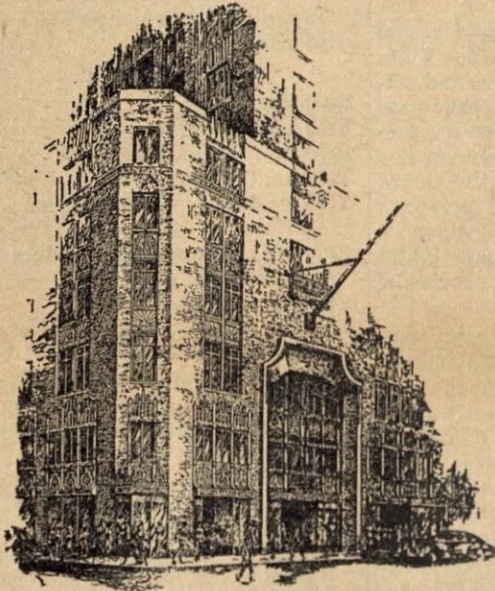
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# Bronze Stars For Service

This is a new column in The Guardsman. It is established to give public recognition to members of the Texas State Guard who received the Bronze Star for three years service. It is compiled under the direction of Captain Wallace Adams, personnel adjutant of the Adjutant General's Office.

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S/Sgt. Earle O. Florence.  
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# Hand Grenades And How To Use Them

(The following article on HAND GRENADES was prepared for The Guardsman by the Second Training and Research Unit and Lt. Col. M. R. Finney, U. S. A., Retired.)

The word grenade originates from the Spanish granada and the Latin granatum, both being the words for pomegranate. An object such as a hollow ball, a shell, or a glass flask filled with an explosive or chemical and ovoid or pomegranate in shape is called a grenade. The first use of the grenade recorded in history was in 1536

incendiary action, (d) a harassing action, (e) a signal smoke, (f) or any combination of these. These grenades weigh 17 ounces. The fumes start in 2 seconds, and reach full volume in 3 seconds, continuing for from 25 to 35 seconds. The chemical agents are; (a) CN, an irritant which produces a burning sensation in the eyes and causes intense weeping. (b) DM, which causes a burning sensation in the nose and throat and a heavy or tight feeling in chest. This also has a nauseating effect. (c) CNS, which has a lacrimatory effect.

and is used for training and throwing practice.

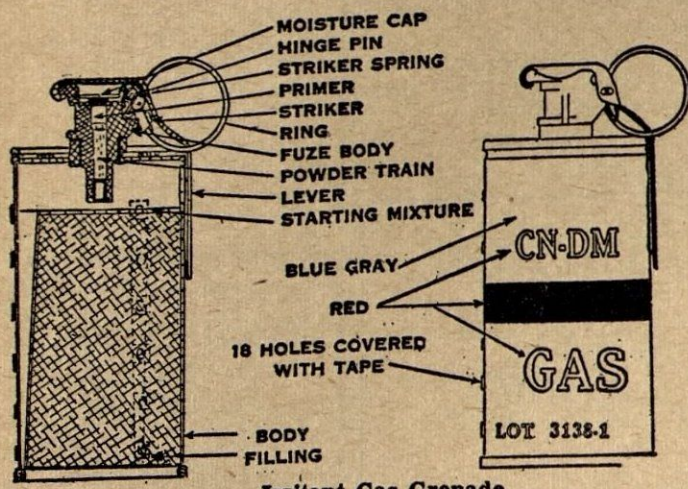
(6) Frangible, contains an incendiary chemical filling in a body of

and more effective explosive charge.

1. The hand grenades—fragmentation, offensive, gas, and smoke—

launcher M1A1 (bazooka) and the 60 mm. mortar has partially taken the place of the rifle grenade by giving greater range with a larger added weight necessitates a change in the manner of throwing. The arm is held straight and carried to the rear, then carried forward, underhanded, to the point for releasing the grenade, much in the manner of a soft ball pitcher's pitch. This movement is used in throwing from the standing or crouching position. Thrown from a shell hole, trench, or the kneeling position, the grenade is thrown with an overhead stiff arm movement.

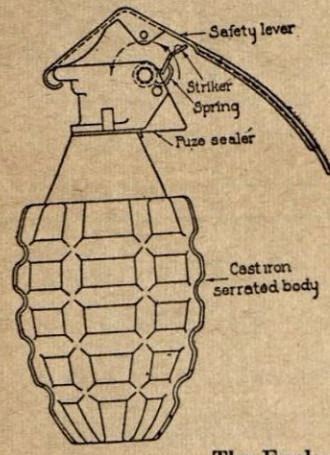
Practice courts may be laid as in figure 3. The double lines represent trenches one yard wide. The shell holes shown on the fifty-yard line in the diagram, may be placed closer to the throwing line, or the throwing line may be taken from any of the trenches at the desired distance. The angle court, used for accuracy in direction, may be superimposed on the main court, thus doing away with the necessity of constructing a separate court.



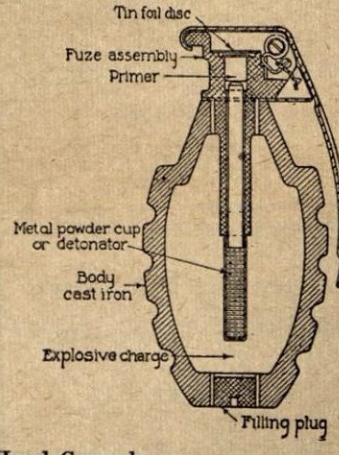
Irritant Gas Grenade.

(1) Fragmentation contains an explosive charge in a cast iron, lemon-shaped body, designed to fragment with the action of the bursting charge of black fire powder or TNT. The bursting radius is 30 yards, and it explodes in 5 seconds. The weight is 20 ounces. It is used to produce casualties.

(d) HC and FS, which produces a screening or signal smoke. (e) BM-1, an extreme vesicant and which will burn the skin or lungs severely and produce casualties in a few hours. (f) Freon gas grenades, used to drive away malaria-bearing mosquitoes. One grenade will keep them away about two hours.



The Explosive Hand Grenade.



Practice

(2) Offensive contains a high explosive charge, usually TNT in a paper body, designed primarily for demolitions. The weight is 11 ounces. The fuse has a delay time of 5 seconds.

(4) Practice, contains a reduced charge of black powder to simulate fragmentation grenades. It is used for training and throwing practice. It does not burst, but blows out a



The Overhand Throw.

A. D. in the siege of the Ailes. It continued its popularity in conquests until the 17th century, when, with advent of better musketry, its use became negligible until the Japanese revived its use in the Russo-Japanese War in 1904-1905.

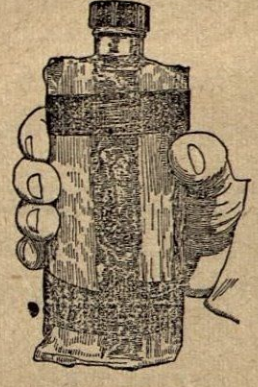
Grenades are divided into two general classes—hand and rifle. The parts are: (1) Fuse assembly—either time, detonating, or igniter; (2) Body of cast iron, paper, tin plate, or glass; (3) Filler may be explosive or chemical.

The types of hand grenades according to their uses are as follows:

(3) Chemical contains a chemical agent in a cylindrical tin plate body and which produces (a) a toxic or irritant physiological effect, (b) a screening smoke, (c) an

cork plug 5 seconds after throwing. It weighs 20 ounces.

(5) Training, contains no explo-



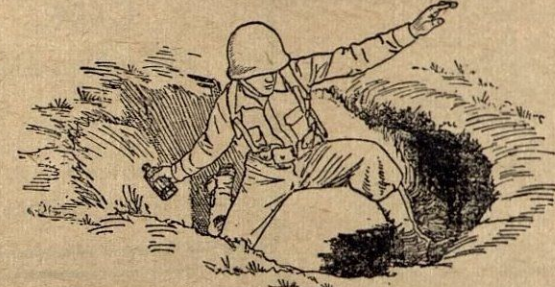
A Home-Made Grenade.

sive or chemical in the cast iron serrated body. It weighs 20 ounces

glass. This is generally a pint bottle with a screw cap. It varies in weight from 24 ounces to 42 ounces. It ignites on impact and has a bursting radius of 5 yards. The range for throwing is 25 yards. The chemical agents are: (a) FS, a corrosive liquid which reacts with the atmosphere, producing an effective screening or signal smoke; (b) gasoline, liquid or solid, or a mixture of phosphorus and gasoline-rubber solution burning to

have a range of about 50 yards, depending upon the state of training of the thrower. The hand grenades are thrown from the standing, kneeling, or prone position. The throw is a cross between a baseball catcher's peg to second base, and a shot put. This eliminates the jerking of the arm in throwing. (2) The frangible grenade is approximately twice as heavy as the hand grenade. This limits the range to 25 yards. The

The Sidearm Throw.



Throwing From Foxhole.

make smoke; (c) a chemical when liberated on the breaking of the container extinguishes fire.

## Home Made

(6) Home made, may be constructed from the material at hand. The method of manufacture will vary with the purpose the grenade is to be used for and the material available. An explosive such as dynamite, powder, TNT, or a chemical will be needed for a filler. The body may be a bottle, a tin can, a cardboard box or a small board to which the explosive and metal missiles may be attached with tape. A time fuse, a safety fuse, or an igniter fuse and a detonator or percussion cap will be needed to improve the fuse assembly. (a) The common hair brush grenade is made by taking a piece of a board about a foot long and three to four inches wide and whittling down one end for a handle, then attaching a one-inch piece of dynamite or other explosive which has had a detonator and fuse inserted. (d) A tin can or a cardboard box may be used as a body for the improvised fuse

## Save Berries' Goodness

Here's a tip from department of agriculture on saving all the goodness of berries when you put them up for next winter's use. For whole fruit preserves, use berries which are just a little green. They'll hold their shape better. Then to get a full flavor, add the juice of fully ripened berries. Color is a better guide to maturity than size for some varieties grow large and others small. Berries chosen for uniformity of sizes will cook more evenly.

assembly, the explosive filler, and pieces of metal or nails that are to be scattered by the explosion.

## Rifle Grenades.

The rifle grenades are largely of the anti-tank type, and require a special launcher to be attached to the rifle, a special ammunition, and a recoil pad. The attachment of the launcher affects the accuracy of rifle fire and also prevents the rifleman from attaching his bayonet. The advent of the rocket

## Oldest Print Shop

The printing shop of Santo Tomas university in Manila is the oldest in the world today. It has been under the same management since early in the 17th century.

## Wooden Arches

Glue-laminated Gothic arches are used in place of rafters for barns, providing farmers more open space for storage and more overall strength with less danger in heavy snows and winds.

## Bought Isle for Two Hats

Nantucket island, now a swanky summer resort valued at 13 million dollars, was purchased in 1641 by Thomas Mayhew from the Province of New York for the price of two beaver hats.

## Need Soft Background

The bright colors of Mexican goods demand soft neutral background colors. In fact the background should have as much of the quality of the clay and sand in Mexican adobe walls as possible.

**Islands of the West**

The Philippines, after discovery by Ferdinand Magellan in 1521, were known as *Islas del Poniente* (Islands of the West). In 1543, the archipelago was renamed *Islas Filipinas* (Philippine Islands) in honor of the Spanish crown prince who later became King Philip II. In 1935, when the Philippine Commonwealth constitution was adopted, the official name became simply the "Philippines."

**Larger Than U. S., Europe**

China is larger than Europe or the United States. Its population is nearly as great as Europe's, 3 1/2 times that of the United States and 5 times that of South America. Every fifth person on earth is a Chinese. Eighty per cent of China's population is rural and six-sevenths live in one-third the area of the country. Better communications, improved agriculture and irrigation will help population distribution. In latitude, China extends considerably further north and south than does America.

**Scrub Canvas**

Canvas shoes can be scrubbed with a brush dipped in warm soapy water. If they contain no leather they can also be churned for a few minutes in the washer. Rinse them, stuff them with paper, and set them in the sun to bleach to a grand new whiteness.

**Noted for Ruins**

In peacetime, Syracuse was noted chiefly for its ancient ruins, relics of a period when it was considered the handsomest of Greek centers, with a population of half a million. The modern city had only a little over 50,000 inhabitants before the present war broke.

**Non-Transplants**

Flowers which do not like to be transplanted include annual poppies, salpiglossis mignonette, and annual phlox. If necessary to transplant them, the seedlings should be grown in small pots so they can be removed without disturbing the roots.

**Reviving Flowers**

Wilted roses, providing they're not too wilted, can be revived by placing them in a deep vase of hot water—as hot as your hand can stand. Allow them to remain in the hot water until it has cooled before arranging.

**Let Sunshine Bleach**

If laundering is done at home, do not use strong bleaches which shorten the life of a sheet; let sunshine do the bleaching. Use plenty of soap and plenty of rinse water; soap left in fabrics causes deterioration.

**Culling Benefits**

More careful culling of pullets will permit the maintenance of maximum egg production and will also provide more poultry meat.

**Hidden Hunger**

Hidden hunger is like an iceberg. Nine-tenths of it, the most dangerous part, is under the surface.



# 11th Battalion Is Called Out On Maneuver

By LT. R. E. CAPSHAW

Major Emmett Cox alerted four companies of the 11th Battalion at 4 p. m. on April 29 for an overnight maneuver in the Eden area, about 40 miles from San Angelo.

Company A and Company B of San Angelo, Company E of Ballinger and Company F of Eden were ordered to rendezvous at the bivouac area not later than 1800, and immediately set up their respective mess kitchens, and sanitary installations.

Major Chandler of Ballinger, newly appointed battalion medical officer, had a complete hospital tent with all equipment installed in short order, with the ambulance ready for emergencies. Each company was assigned their respective area by the billeting officer, Capt. Henry Batjer, Bn. S-3. At 20:00 mess was served, and was followed by a conference of company commanders with the staff in battalion headquarters. Guard details were formed for duty during the night.

First call was at 6:45 Sunday and reveille at 7:00. After mess, services were conducted by Rev. H. G. Birdwell of Eden.

Company commanders and platoon leaders were called to battalion headquarters and instructed to send out patrols to locate a force of enemy paratroopers who had been observed to land in that area at 600. On contacting and locating the main body of the enemy, runners were to be sent to battalion headquarters, and plans made to annihilate the enemy force.

Company B of San Angelo assumed the role of the enemy, commanded by Capt. E. K. Kelley, whose first lieutenant is Lt. Rowe Caldwell, and second lieutenant is Lt. Easton Woullard. Company B had devised some ingenious booby traps, and used patrols for deception, which gave the reconnaissance patrols some little trouble in locating the main body.

Within twenty minutes after assignment of patrols, a runner arrived from Company A patrol that the enemy had been located. Almost immediately a Company E runner reported that his patrol had located the main body, but it later transpired that one of the enemy's deceptive patrols had misled them.

By this time it had started to rain, but the problem was continued. Intermittent showers recurred during the entire morning, and the going became somewhat soggy; however, a skirmish line was formed and the battalion advanced into enemy territory, encountering several small outpost ambushes, in which the enemy were quickly routed or overcome. Several prisoners were taken. Within an hour, the main body had retired to their defensive positions, and the battle was on.

Prepared tags were attached to casualties, giving the medical section and stretcher bearers some simulated conditions to take care of. The enemy offered some stiff defense, but were finally annihilated or captured, and the hungry troops returned to the mess kitchens and partook of a grand noon mess.

The battalion was assembled for a critique by the staff officers, who participated as umpires. The action, as a whole, was considered a success, and some valuable training lessons were learned.

Just as the packing up and loading of trucks began, it really began to rain in earnest, and despite the soaking, no colds have been reported to date, and the men are anxious to "do it again."

A cute blonde got on a crowded car and a soldier stood up. Before he could say a word, however, she pushed him back in his seat and said: "Thanks, but I prefer to stand."

The soldier stood again, but again she shoved him down and insisted she wanted to stand. The third time he stood up and shouted:

"Damn it, lady, let me off. We're three blocks past my station."

# British Home Guard Never Tires Of Work, Texan Says

The following letter was received by Col. Neill Banister, chief of staff of the Texas State Guard, from former Technical Sergeant John L. Hammer of the Fifth Battalion headquarters:

Thousands of Miles from Home.  
Dear Colonel:

Thanks a lot for your letter. Letters from home and friends mean a lot when one is far away amongst strangers in some foreign land. Please pass my greetings to all the office force and to my guardsmen friends.

While in England I have tried to learn what I could about their home guard and will be glad to forward to you any information I can get and instruction booklets, if you don't already have them.

The impressive thing about the English home guard is that they spend their time in working on actual problems of invasion and internal troubles rather than on drilling and theorizing. They never seem to tire of training and searching out improvements. After working 12 hours a day, they spend two nights a week and Sunday mornings on training. On the nights they practice over short distances to get procedure working smoothly and on Sundays work on the actual field problems.

They also use sand tables a great deal. They seem to be very efficient at signaling by lamp, by code using fences, salvaged wire, salvaged everything. They use runners, cyclists and motor cyclists but try to get phone circuits or buzzer circuits or lamp blinkers wherever possible. Radio isn't used much because of jamming and security, but it is used by mobile units and some remote units. They have codes for each battalion for security reasons.

They train in rifle use but go in heavy for knife bayonet, and in jiu-jitsu, and my impression is that they'd be unpleasant to meet on unfriendly terms. If I return to England I shall try to learn more of their home guard units.

The people where I go are as interesting as the country, churches, museums, art galleries, parks, public buildings, etc. People seem to be most friendly and as interested in the States and Texas as I am in them, their habits, food, recreations and hobbies, ambitions, customs, etc.

Although many buildings and homes have been bombed, the people are cheerful. They just say "jerry took it" last night or last month, or last year. They're short on clothing and food but seem to have become used to it. One egg a month is their allotment, but it is usually three months between eggs because of the shortage and meat is very scarce. Fruit is almost un-



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known, but the grown-ups are getting an occasional orange now. Before, fruit was for children only when available.

The people in the States don't know what privation is. The English openly suggest that maybe the British Empire and the States will combine to form one great country, and they all talk of migrating to the States after the war.

Best regards,  
Lyle Hammer.  
P. S.—Writing isn't so easy when a ship rolls like this one does.)

## Three Generals Due To Get Another Star

The White House has announced that the Senate had received from the President recommendations that two officers of the Army be given temporary promotions to the rank of Lieutenant General, and one to Major General.

The list of officers, with home addresses, follows: To be Lieutenant Generals (temporary), Army of the United States: Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Maj. Gen. Barney McKinney Giles, Mineola, Texas. To be Maj. Gen., Brig. Gen. Elwood Richard Quesada, Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y.

General Giles is Deputy Commanding General and Chief of the Air Staff, Army Air Forces. General Brereton is Commanding General of the U. S. Army Ninth Air Force in Great Britain. General Quesada is Commanding General of the Ninth Fighter Command in Great Britain.

Comment: Clothes make the man, but with women they just serve to show how they're made.

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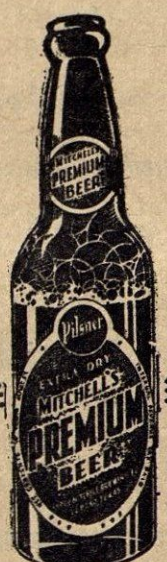
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## 33rd Battalion Co. Holds First Bivouac

By LT. HARRY J. COKER

Company D, 33rd Battalion, held the first of a summer schedule of bivouacs on the night of May 6 when company gear was loaded onto two trucks and carted to Cypress Bayou, nine and one-half miles from Marshall in the northwestern section of Harrison County.

Arriving at the camp site just as the sun was slipping behind the horizon, some 20 men under command of 1st Lt. Leonard E. Clark and 2nd Lt. Harry Parker, set up camp in nothing flat in prescribed GI style. The neat rows of shelter halves forming company street seemed to pop up from the ground, which was rough and soggy due to prolonged rains which ended only the night before.

High water failed to detract an iota of enthusiasm. The men had a healthy zest for the outing and pitched into the bivouac like seasoned veterans.

### Duties Outlined

First Sgt. George M. Morris assembled the company soon after arrival. Lt. Clark, in the absence of Capt. Frank M. Scroggins, who was unable to reach camp until the following day, issued instructions and outlined duties of each man for the entire bivouac. Then the company was allowed to fall out and the men were given free run of the camp.

As the night wore on it developed that Mess Sgt. Irvin Elkins, who was unable to make bivouac due to conflicting working hours, has a capable understudy in Pfc. Eric E. Glass. Pvt. Glass and a kitchen detail of three got out the pots and pans and soon had the camp permeated with that aroma every soldier knows.

Lights out was ordered for 2400. Despite the fact it was the first time most of the men had ever slept under shelter halves, all hit the line at reveille fresh and fit.

Following rest the company was fallen in under arms and marched off to the bayou 200 yards north for target practice with various weapons, including rifle, pistol, tommy guns and shotguns. The fact that targets were moving objects in swift water made little difference to most of the men, who showed potentialities as sharpshooters. At each command, given by Lt. Clark, targets leaped from the water like tarpon.

### Terrain Scouted

Returning to camp, Lt. Parker took out a patrol which scouted the heavy terrain and vegetation along the road leading to camp. Mixed in with scouting and patrolling was intensive drill looking to safety for troops on the march such as deployment for plane and tank attack, emphasis being placed on the proper manner of taking cover.

Capt. Scroggins arrived at the camp at 1100 hours and conducted a critique on operations to that point.

T/5 William E. Gray and a detail took over the kitchen for noon mess. Eighty pounds of catfish, onions, potatoes, beans, bread, pickles, bread and coffee was the menu, and the detail's dexterity in the kitchen was complimented by every man who put a tooth into the mess.

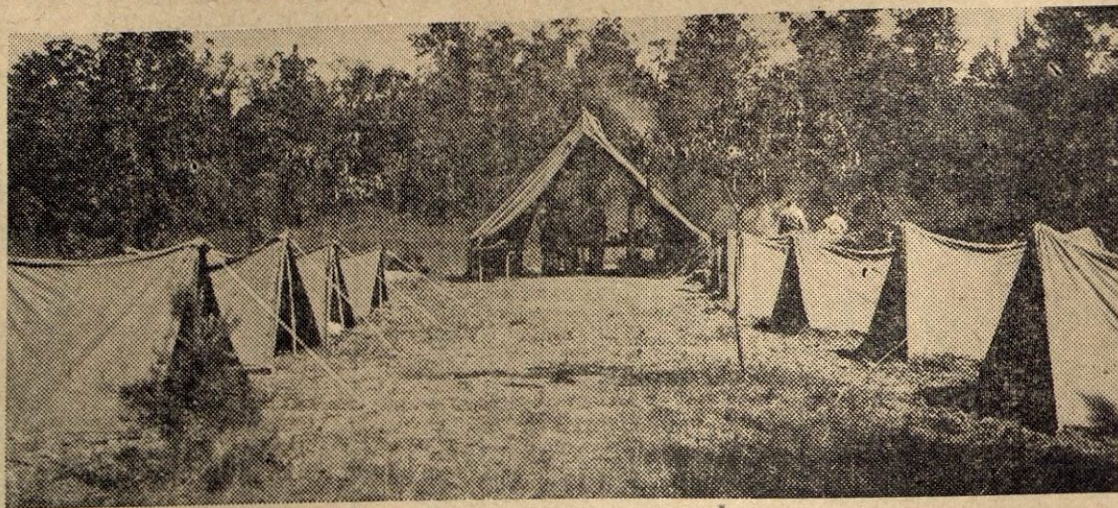
Camp was broken at 1400 hours. After unloading and replacing equipment at the armory, the company was dismissed.

### A BOMBER'S ELECTRIC APPETITE

During a 4-hour bombing mission four generators must provide a Flying Fortress with electric power equivalent to that used by 32 average-size homes in an entire day.

There was a young WAVE named Banker  
Who slept while her ship was at anchor,  
She woke in dismay  
When she heard the mate say:  
"Now lift up the topsheet and spanker."

## Company D, 33rd Battalion, On Field Trip



## 2300 Men, 373 Planes Lost In Air Battles

Washington.—The greatest sustained aerial offensive in history has cost the Americans and Britons 2300 airmen and 373 planes over an 11-day period.

Despite these large figures the Allied command considers the cost—the plane loss is slightly more than 1 per cent of the 33,000 attacking craft of all types—a reasonable price for the results obtained.

More than 700 fighters of the enemy's precious front-line strength have been destroyed, and damage has been done to Axis air plants, fields, rail junctions and coastal fortifications which may knock months off the war.

### Dead Not Included

Most of the 2300 missing airmen are believed to be prisoners of war, interned for the duration in Sweden and Switzerland. The estimate does not include dead and wounded brought back to their bases.

The air offensive, directed in an effort to shorten the war, has three main objectives: Destruction of the German air force; disorganization of the German transportation system; and softening of the Atlantic wall.

Putting a dollar sign on the cost of war—the 373 planes, valued at

The picture at top shows a section of shelter halves at the bivouac of Company D, 33rd Battalion, near Marshall.

Some of the personnel of the company are shown in the bottom picture. Left to right, front row, kneeling: Sgt. Clifton Daniels, Sgt. Marion Alquist, Sgt. Lester R. Barton, Pfc. Billy Joe Bell, Sgt. James W. Byrd, T/5 James F. Jackson, Pfc. George L. Raspberry, Pvt. Arthur E. Williams, 1st Lt. Leonard E. Clark, 2nd Lt. Harry J. Parker. Second row: Cpl. David G. Holt, T/5 Robert B. Bellamy, Staff Sgt. Leo Rodgers, Pfc. Floyd G. Britt, Pvt. Charles E. Bryant, Pfc. Jack A. Moore, Jr., T/5 Sid A. Cowart, Jr., Pfc. Charles F. Peteet, Jr., Pfc. Zachary D. Hill, Capt. Frank M. Scroggins, Staff Sgt. Samuel Bloom. Third row: 1st Sgt. George M. Morris, Pvt. William M. Raborn, Pfc. John T. Seay, Jr., Cpl. George W. Avery, Pvt. Willie A. Johnson, Pvt. Jack B. McCandless, Pvt. Bryan W. McQueen, T/5 William E. Gray. Rear: Pfc. Joseph D. Golding, Pfc. E. E. Glass.

50 million dollars, plus the value of the technical education given crewmen lost during the offensive, has cost the allies at least 100 million dollars.—Army Times.

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Japan started on its empire building in 1894-95 when it attacked China. This resulted in the "independence" of Korea, and Japanese acquisition of Formosa, the Pescadores Islands, and Southern Manchuria. It was blocked by European powers, however, from taking possessions on the Asiatic mainland.

In 1905, Japan defeated Russia, and under the Portsmouth Treaty its interest in Korea was recognized, it reacquired the southern half of Sakhalin Island, control of Manchurian railways down the Kwantung Peninsula to Port Arthur and Dairen.

In 1910, Korea was annexed.

In 1914, Japan grabbed all German island possessions in the North Pacific: the Marshall, Caroline, and Marianna group.

In 1931, Japan began its Manchurian invasion, the puppet state of Manchukuo was created and pressure on China continued.

Japan has seized large sections of China, particularly the coast.

In 1940-41, Japan virtually took over French Indo-China.

After Pearl Harbor, Japan got the Philippines, Burma, Malaya, the Netherlands Indies and the Melanesian Islands.—From "The Christian Science Monitor."

### Coal Most Used

Coal is 22 times the value of all silver, 5½ times the value of all gold, 7 times the value of all copper and 7 times the value of all iron mined annually in the United States.

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around the angle tube. With a downward, outward, and upward motion remove the face piece. Place in the crook of the left elbow. Replace head piece, using both hands. Regrasp face piece in right hand, chest high with angle tube grasped with the fingers and thumbs with edges of face piece on the top. **TWO.** Open flap of carrier with left hand. Pull the entire hose out of carrier. With left hand, loop hose over outlet valve guard, and through face piece, holding hose in this position with thumb and fingers of the right hand and just below the eyepiece. Make sure the hose is not kinked or stretched over outlet valve guard. Hold carrier flap open with left hand. Insert the loop in the carrier. **THREE.** Gently insert the face piece in the carrier, hose at the bottom of carrier, face piece erect with eye pieces to the front. Refasten carrier and check position of hose and outlet valve guards.

**TO CHECK FIT OF MASK**—The face piece being adjusted, the command is: 1. Check, 2. MASK. At the command MASK, open carrier flap. Pinch together the walls of the hose near the canister. Exhale fully. Inhale. The face piece should collapse against the face. The outlet valve should permit free escape of air. If the mask checks, fasten flap carrier and resume normal breathing.

**DISINFECTION**—Whenever masks are stored, exchanged or used by more than one individual for training purposes, or when the wearer has been suffering from a cold, they should be thoroughly disinfected. This disinfection may be divided into two general classes, individual disinfection and large scale disinfection. The large scale is generally done by a chemical company. The individual disinfection is as the name implies. The solutions to be used for disinfection of masks may be a commercial solution known as Roccal, a three per cent solution of formaldehyde or a two per cent solution of lysol or cresol. In disinfecting a gas mask the face piece should be kept lower than the canister or hose to prevent the disinfectant from running into them. Hold face piece in hand,

saturate a small rag with the disinfectant and sponge the entire surface of the face piece, including the outer this operation, the face piece should and the inner side of the deflector. In not be turned inside out. Then disinfect the outside of the outlet valve. Allow disinfected parts to remain moist for about fifteen minutes and then wipe out the inside of the face piece with a clean dry rag. The mask should dry thoroughly before it is returned to the carrier.

**CARE IN TRAINING**—(1) Keep the head harness as loose as possible without losing it.

(2) Do not permit undue stretching of head harness in putting on the mask.

(3) Do not throw the mask around, throw other equipment on top of the mask, use the carrier as a seat or pillow or as a receptacle for anything except the components of the mask.

(4) Dry out mask and carrier immediately after using.

(5) Do not breath after gas alarm until the face piece is adjusted to the face and it has been cleared of gas.

(6) Do not remove face piece until permission has been given by an officer or gas non-commissioned officer and then always make a test for gas yourself.

**STORAGE IN ORGANIZATIONS.** (1) Store in cool, dry place and not in sunlight, close to steam radiators, stoves or furnaces.

(2) Place in storage only when mask and carrier are dry.

(3) Keep face form in face piece; if this is not available, stuff with newspapers to prevent creasing.

(4) If face piece becomes sticky in hot weather, sprinkle with talcum powder.

(5) Make inspections and do repairing before storing.

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TF 3-4, Standard Service Gas Mask.  
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#### LESSON No. 11—GAS MASKS

**GAS MASKS**—The gas mask is an air filter. There are many types and models of masks, depending upon the use to be made of them, and the conditions under which they are to be used. The Service Gas Mask, which is issued to the State Guard, will enable the Guardsman to perform his duties more efficiently, should a situation arise where it is necessary to employ gas or smoke.

**PARTS OF THE GAS MASK**—The mask is composed of three principal parts: (a) the face-piece assembly containing eye pieces, an outlet valve, a hose connection, and a head harness attached; (b) the canister, a metal cylinder, containing a chemical filter and a mechanical filter with a hose connection and one or two inlet valves; (c) the carrier is a canvas pouch or sack with straps and buckles attached for slinging the mask to the body of the wearer.

**AIR FLOW**—The path of the air flow in the service mask is shown in the accompanying illustration. Air is drawn into the mask when the soldier inhales, and the mask is so constructed that the air must first pass through the canister containing a filtration system. This system comprises both mechanical and chemical filters, the former filtering out solid and liquid particles (smoke and dust) and the latter absorbing and neutralizing toxic and irritating gases and vapors. The air after being purified by filtration is drawn to the soldier's face through the hose, and after being inhaled and exhaled is expelled from the mask through the outlet valve.

**THE FACE PIECE**—The face piece fits snugly to the face so as to be gas tight and is held in place by an ad-

justable elastic head harness. It is equipped with eye pieces of safety glass or other transparent material and a deflector which deflects incoming air against the eye pieces so as to prevent moisture from condensing on the lenses. In addition to this method of reducing the dimming of the eye pieces, a soaplike substance known as "antidim" is furnished with each mask and is carried in the carrier. A thin layer of this mixture spread over the inner surface of the eye pieces tends to keep down eye piece fogging. The face is also equipped with an outlet valve through which exhaled air is expelled, and a metal tube which is connected to the canister by a corrugated rubber hose.

**THE CANISTER**—The canister is a metal cylinder or oblong-shaped box containing a filter and chemicals comprising a filtration system. It is equipped with an inlet valve which permits the entrance of incoming air and a nozzle for the exit of purified air. This inlet valve prevents exhaled air from passing through the canister. The nozzle of the canister is connected to the face piece by a corrugated rubber hose tube through which purified air passes to the wearer's face. The face piece, hose, canister, and antidim mixture are contained in the canvas carrier.

**THE CARRIER**—The carrier is an irregular shaped satchel made of olive drab canvas provided with adjustable shoulder and waist straps made of 2-inch cotton webbing. It is carried on the left side under the arm so that one straps is over the right shoulder and the other around the waist. The carrier opens to the front when in the slung position and the opening is cov-

C U T H E R E

## Key Personnel May Be Granted Trips Back Home

Washington.—A plan whereby key personnel, both officers and enlisted men, whose jobs are of a nature which makes them in a measure indispensable in overseas theaters, may be granted non-emergency leaves and furloughs to visit their homes in the United States and then return to their assignment overseas, was announced by the War Department.

The War Department pointed out, however, that personnel returned for non-emergency leaves and furloughs, while distinct from personnel returned under the rotation plan, will be included in quotas for overseas theaters under present rotation policies and will not increase the number of men returned to this country.

Personnel returned under the rotation plan are not ordered overseas again until they have performed duty in the United States. Personnel granted non-emergency leaves and furloughs will not serve in the United States, but will be returned to their overseas jobs. The task of finding suitable replacements overseas for such personnel on leave or furlough will be of only a temporary nature, until the expiration of leave.

Theater commanders in all but the Central Pacific and European theaters will be authorized to grant to key personnel non-emergency leaves and furloughs within the rotation quotas for their theaters.

The basic problems which prevent the shipment of large numbers of men to this country for rotation and for leaves and furloughs remain. Theater commanders will be instructed to regard leaves and furloughs as a privilege to be accorded men whose work has been outstanding, who have been decorated

## Baruch To Give Fund To Aid Returning Men

New York.—Bernard M. Baruch has given \$1,100,000 to aid physical medicine research, particularly to help returning servicemen, and has set up the Baruch Committee on Physical Medicine to carry on his program.

"I am prepared to put most of my fortune in it—I believe in it," he said Wednesday. "I feel this program will help restore discharged soldiers to normal physical and mental condition."

"My interest has been height-

ened by my desire to do something for the 700,000 returning soldiers every month. I want to do that something now, before I get older."

The committee defined physical medicine as use of light, heat, water, cold, electricity, massage, manipulation, exercise, spas, climatology and hydrology, the latter specializing in baths, sprays and the like. The committee is headed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University.

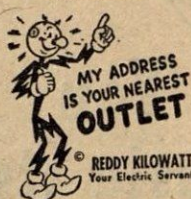
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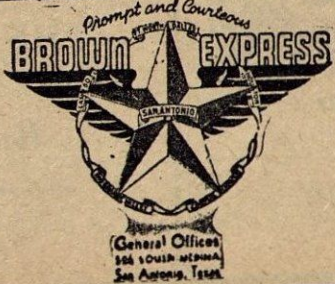
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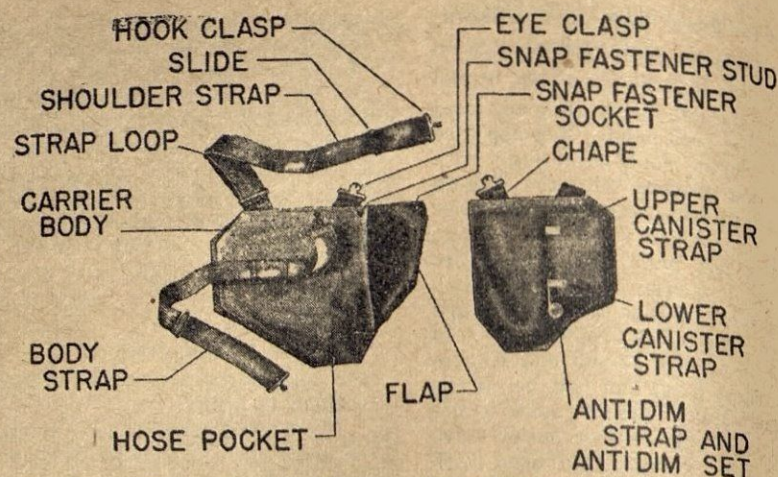
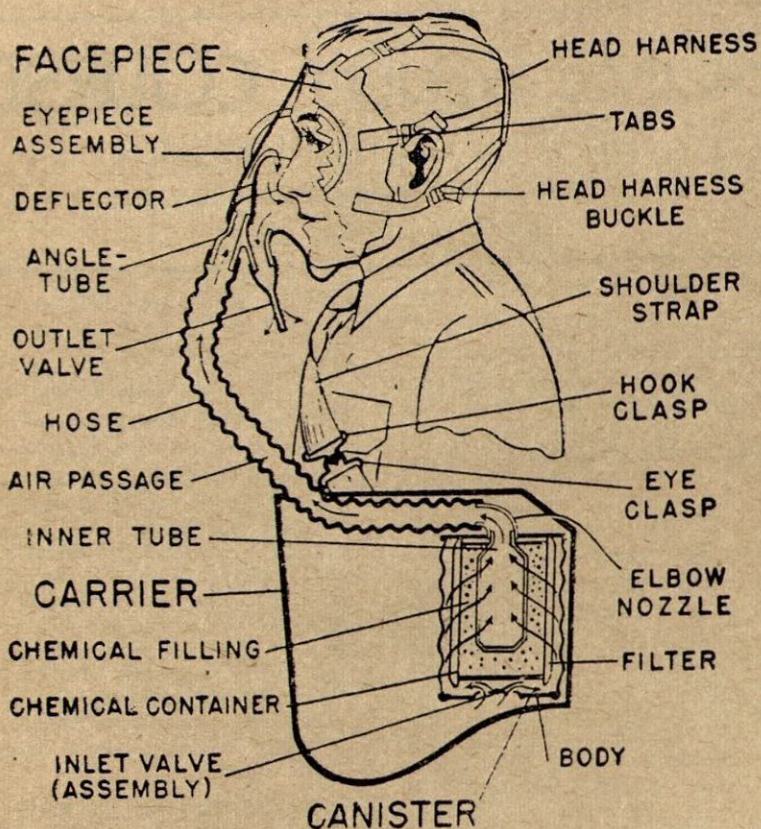
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ered by a flap which is closed with two snap fasteners. Inside the carrier are two straps to hold the canister in place. The upper one is sewed to the left side and is fastened to the right side by means of a snap fastener. The lower one is sewed at both ends, and has sewed to it a loop which holds the antidim can. See illustration.

**THE REPAIR KIT**—The company gas mask repair kit contains a tube of rubber cement, a three and one-half yard roll of 3/8-inch olive drab adhesive tape (bias strapping) and directions for their use. This kit is used by the company gas non-commissioned officer in making emergency repairs to the face piece and to the hose. Masks given emergency repairs in the company should be turned over to the regimental gas non-commissioned of-

ficer for further repairs or other dispositions.

**GAS MASK DRILL**—Preliminary drills will be my the numbers in order to attain completeness and accuracy in the adjustment and to form a habit of correct manipulation. Later, drill will be without the numbers; at ease, to acquire proficiency. These drills will also include holding the breath.

**TO SLING MASK**—The command is: 1. Sling, 2. MASK. At the command MASK, hold the carrier with the left hand near the shoulder strap eye clasp, waist high, in front of the body with the flap and snap fasteners next to the body. Straighten the shoulder strap and hold extended by the right hand, with palm upward. TWO. Swing right arm to the left with shoulder strap passing around

the left elbow. Bring the shoulder strap over the right shoulder and fasten the clasp. Fasten the body strap.

**TO UNSLING MASK**—The command is: 1. Unsling, 2. MASK. Using both hands, unfasten the body strap, unfasten the shoulder strap and toss back over the shoulder. Hold carrier with left hand, waist high.

**TO ADJUST MASK**—The mask being slung, the command is: GAS. At the command gas, dispose of arms, etc. Keep off ground. Remove and dispose of head covering with the right hand, and open carrier flap with the left hand. Grasp the face piece with thumb and fingers of the right hand just above the angle tube. Bring the face piece smartly out of the carrier, flipping the head harness out. Grasp the face piece with both hands, sliding the thumbs up inside and under the lower and middle head harness straps, fingers extended outside of the face piece, almost above the eye piece. Bring face piece up in front of the face. Thrust out the chin. TWO. seat the chin pocket of face piece firmly on the chin, holding the head stationary. Sweep the head harness smoothly over the head without twisting the elastic webbing strap and center the head pad. Seat the edges of the face piece on the face, beginning with the palms of both hands at the chin, and with an upward and backward stroke, press out all irregularities and channels. THREE. Close out-

let valve between thumb and fingers of the right hand and exhale vigorously to clear the face piece of gas. Check mask by pinching the hose near the canister to shut off the air supply. INHALE. No air should enter and the face piece should collapse against the face. FOUR. Replace head piece. Turn the head to the right to draw the full length of the hose from the carrier. While in this position, fasten carrier flap over hose, using fastener near the hose. Snap lower fastener on the carrier. Resume original position.

**TO TEST FOR GAS**—The face piece being adjusted, the command is: TEST FOR GAS. Take a moderate full breath, exhale part of the breath, and stop breathing. Stop to bring the face as close to the ground as possible without touching any part of the person or equipment to the ground. Insert two fingers the right hand between the face and the face piece near the cheek to permit air to enter at that point. Sniff gently but do not inhale. Resume erect position. Clear the face piece as prescribed in adjustment for the count of THREE. Resume normal breathing.

**TO REMOVE AND REPLACE MASK**—The mask being adjusted, the command is: 1. Remove and replace 2. MASK. First test for gas as above. If no gas is detected, lift the face piece with the left hand, and with the right hand grasp the face piece

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## Peacetime Training Is Urged By General

New York.—With 3,600,000 men under 38 already declared unacceptable for military service, Major General Hershey, national Selective Service director, recommended that the country's male youth be given at least one year of training and physical development — in peacetime — essentially "for the purpose of national preservation." Addressing the opening session of the fifty-ninth annual conference of the American Session for Health, Physical Education and Recuperation at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Hershey said that such a program should be available, not only to the physically fit, but to

those "able to participate and benefit by it."

Hershey disclosed that about 3,600,000 men already are overseas when he said the number of men rejected in the draft about equalled the size of the overseas force.

Explaining later that he had referred to compulsory military training, Hershey said there should be "one place and one year where and when young Americans will meet as participants equally in the duties, in the privileges, and in the pleasures of national training."—Army Times.

## Corporal's Post-War Library Idea Okehed

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.—Cpl. William F. Morse, librarian, has been notified by the American Library Association that it will use his original idea of using post-war Army libraries as rural reading centers in a nation-wide campaign to be outlined in the next issue of American Library Association Bulletin.

Practicability is the keynote of

Corporal Morse's post-war plan. Instead of placing Army libraries on the auction block to be knocked down to the highest private bidder, or allow them to gather dust in old

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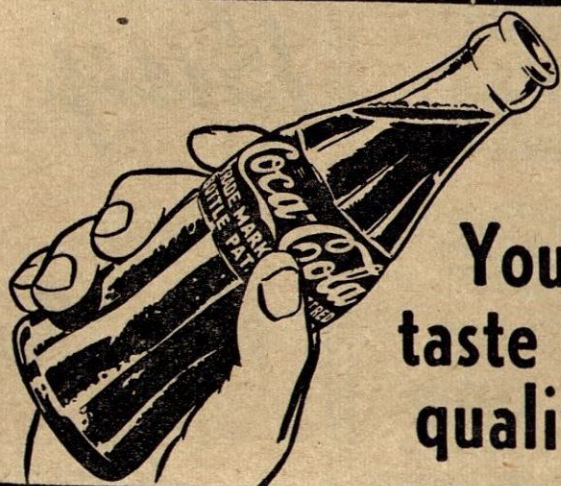
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## Knickerbocker Opposes Pending Service Measures

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## Walton Says Bill Will End Military Training At A. & M.

College Station.—Military training at A. and M. College, and at all other land grant colleges, will be eliminated if pending legislation to establish post-war compulsory army service for young men is adopted as it now stands, Dr. T. O. Walton, former president of A. and M., predicts.

Doctor Walton speaks with the authority of his membership on the joint army-navy committee on post-war education, to which he was appointed by Secretary of War Stimson, and as a member of the executive committee of the association of land grant colleges.

The War Department also is planning to establish a series of post-war projects for the training of officers, Doctor Walton said, although this feature does not appear in the currently pending compulsory service bill.

"They want to get the head of the camel under the tent first and later get the whole camel in," he said.

The pending bill, now in committee, would require one year of army service of all young men between the ages of 18 and 21, plus a six-year period thereafter as reservists when they would be subject to call at any time.

"There is no provision in the bill for continuation of the reserve officers' training program," Doctor Walton said.

"If it passes without amendment—and the War Department is opposing all amendments—there will be no place in this college for the teaching of military science," Dr. Walton said.

### Produces Casein

Argentina also is a large producer of casein, derived from milk. Casein is used in a variety of products, including buttons, insecticides and even clothes.

### Pests

Garden pests fall into three groups: chewing, sucking, and those that hide out of sight, such as borers.

### Prisoners Work in Garden

State and federal penal institutions have planted about 500,000 acres of crops this year.

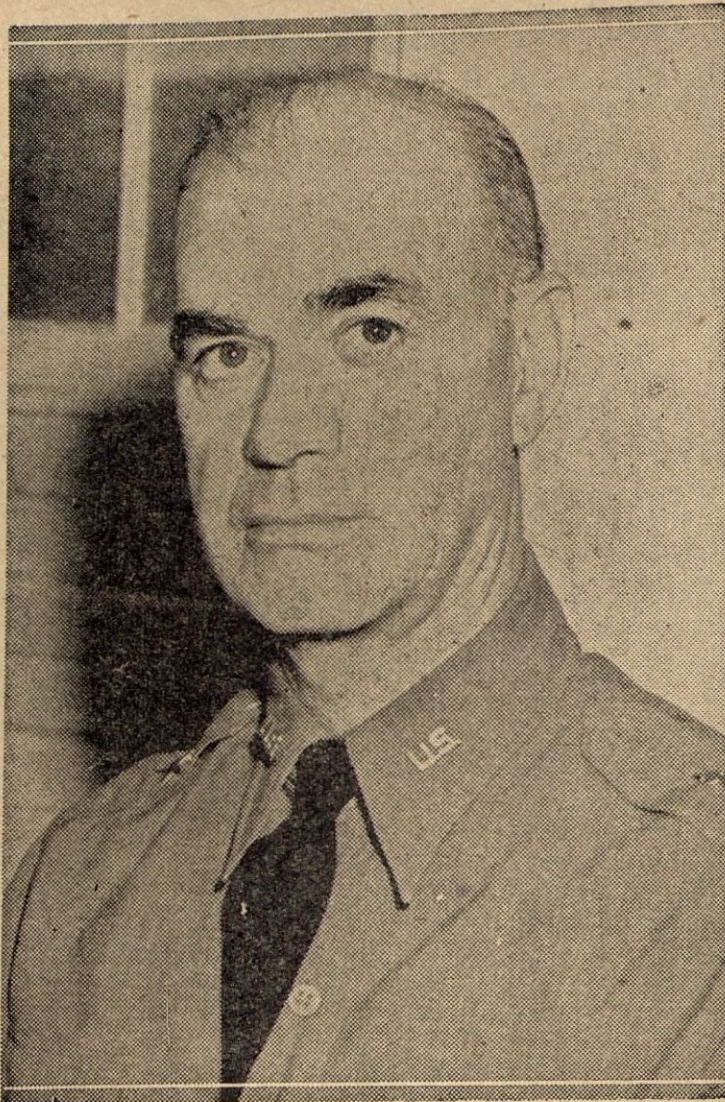
### Fertilizer Tonnage

The total fertilizer tonnage sold during the past year was well over 10 million tons.

### Clothing for Gardens

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## 36th Division Chief Decorated



Commander of the 36th Division, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, has been decorated in Naples, Italy, by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army. He was given the distinguished service medal. Other men of the 36th received three distinguished service crosses and 18 silver bars. General Walker was cited for exceptional planning and direction of the division in the Salerno landing.

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Cutie: "But, mom, they don't ask."

## Nazi Barrage "Honors" 45th Division Soldier

With the Fifth Army.—One soldier who's had the doubtful honor of being the target of a special Nazi barrage of tank, artillery and small arms fire is Pfc. Michael A. Smar, 45th Division communications man.

It all happened on February 18 when Nazi infantrymen, protected by a heavy artillery barrage, were making an all-out thrust through Yank lines. Mortar crews were hard put to fend them off and sud-

denly the OP man directing the fire called out that there was a break in the telephone wire; the radio had been dead for some time.

Asking his platoon leader to release him to toll a new line, Private Smar crawled out under already heavy fire. Jerry, apparently burned up at the sight of a soldier stringing wire under the very noses of his big guns, turned them on Smar. He'll never know how he managed to crawl through that barrage with a whole skin, but he knew he had when, after endless minutes, he heard an officer exclaim over the phone, "Son, whoever you are, you're a godsend."

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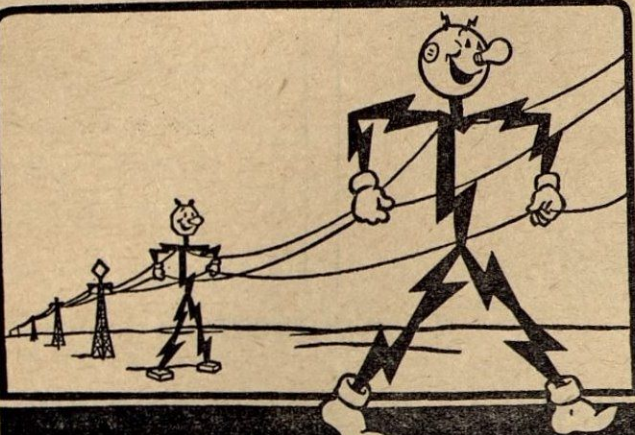
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## More Information Provided On Army Officers' Schools

More details have been released on army schools which will be open to Texas State Guard officers.

Officers choosing to attend any of the schools will do so at their own expense.

Additional information on courses follows:

Adjutant General's School—Basic

Class Number	Reporting Date	Graduation Date
35	24 Aug.	18 Oct.
34	21 Sept.	15 Nov.
35	26 Oct.	20 Dec.
36	25 Nov.	17 Jan. 1945

Chemical Warfare School—Basic

Class Number	Reporting Date	Graduation Date
14	16 July	12 Aug.
15	20 Aug.	16 Sept.

Provost Marshal's General School

—Basic Course:

Class Number	Reporting Date	Graduation Date
20	21 June	14 Sept.
21	19 July	12 Oct.
22	23 Aug.	16 Nov.

Provost Marshal General's School

—Advanced Class:

Class Number	Reporting Date	Graduation Date
25	16 Aug.	9 Nov.
26	27 Sept.	21 Dec.

The Engineer School—Camou-

flage Course:

Class Number	Reporting Date
71	6 July
72	20 July
73	3 Aug.
74	17 Aug.
75	31 Aug.
76	14 Sept.

Recommendations for attendance at any of the above schools should be forwarded in accordance with information contained in letter, this Headquarters, dated 25 January 1944, and should be forwarded at the earliest practicable date for best results. The closing date for recommendations to reach the Adjutant General's Headquarters is 18 days prior to the reporting date of each class.

## Texas Petroleum Output Slackens

Austin.—Texas slackened its production of petroleum during March, while the nation's output increased over February production, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

Production in Texas averaged 1,868,900 barrels daily, a drop of more than 30,000 barrels daily from February, the report indicated. March production, however, was nearly 500,000 barrels above the 1,392,850 barrels daily produced in March a year ago.

The nation's production during March was 4,391,000 barrels daily, compared to 4,384,000 in February and 3,898,750 in March, 1943.

## Flag Ceremony For Use Of Guardsmen Outlined

On certain occasions the flag ceremony is appropriate and desired, but to be effective a definite program must be planned.

Major Donald W. Peacock, Commanding Second Training and Research Unit, San Antonio, has submitted such a ceremony, used by his unit, to the Adjutant General's office, which has passed it on to battalion commanders.

It is pointed out that individual commanders will have to use their own initiative in working out the details. The men should be cautioned to memorize the pledge of allegiance.

Major Peacock recommended Victor records Nos. 27675 and 27676 for all the bugle calls the unit will ever need. For the "Star Spangled Banner" he recommended Victor record No. 20635, which has "America" on the reverse side.

It is recommended that before the flag ceremony is planned FM 21-50 paragraph 9 pages 14 and 15 be read.

### Ceremony In Detail

The suggested ceremony in detail is as follows:

Part I—"To the Color"—The bugler sounds "To the Color" while the flag is escorted to the designated place or while the flag is unfurled from the ceiling. At the conclusion of "To the Color" the organization commander gives the command: "Parade Rest."

Part II—Tribute to the Flag—The chaplain or speaker then gives the following tribute: "I AM OLD GLORY. For more than eight score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of forty-eight sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty

more than life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America. I AM OLD GLORY."

### Call To Attention

Part III—Allegiance to the Flag. The organization commander then calls the unit to attention, and says: "You will now place your right hand over the heart and join me in the pledge of allegiance."

... "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, One Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

Part IV—The Star-Spangled Banner—The National Anthem is then played by band or orchestra, or by phonograph with loudspeaker attachment.

Note: If the ceremony takes place indoors and piano accompaniment or other suitable music (other than phonograph) is available, Part III of the ceremony may be substituted with the singing of the first verse of "America" by all present.

As many as 2,000 navy recruits a day can be examined for tuberculosis and chest conditions by a new high-speed x-ray machine.

## Marshall Would Give Medals Soon As Battle Is Over

Washington.—Today's policy of awarding medals to heroes practically on the scene of their action is due to Gen. George C. Marshall's long-time belief that prompt recognition of bravery is one of the best methods of keeping up morale.

Asked by an Awards Committee in 1927 for his recommendation, General Marshall said that his method would be to "take a barrel of decorations and hand them out right after a battle."

An example of the absurd situations which often arose in delaying awards is that of three sergeants, veterans of 27, 28, and 29 years in the Army, receiving decorations in 1940 for action in World War I.

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, in making the awards asked one of the men to give details of the action he was in, only to discover that the soldier had been wounded several times, once when a bullet pierced near his heart.—Army Times.

### THE FIGHTING KILOWATTS

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## Building Activity In Texas Increases

Austin.—Building activity took a little spurt during March as permits climbed to \$2,756,091 in 37 major Texas cities, compared to \$2,170,518 in February, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

The March figure permits still totaled only a little more than half the figure for March a year ago.

Permits for the first three months of 1944 totaled only \$7,992,105, compared to \$34,367,529 for the first quarter of 1944.

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## Major Boosts Value Of Guard Training For Inductees-to-be

Major Jimmy Delmar of the 22nd Battalion, Texas State Guard, in Houston, was on his toes when he read in a Houston newspaper a suggestion that some sort of pre-induction training be offered to men about to go into the service.

Major Delmar wrote the newspaper with the vehement reminder that the Texas State Guard was a ready-made agency for such training and had been giving its members just such benefits for a long time.

Major Delmar wrote in part: "There is such an organization and has been since the National Guard was mustered into the federal service, and that is the Texas State Guard, and especially the 22nd Battalion, which is located at 426 Washington avenue. Our troops meet twice a week. Tuesday night is non-commissioned officers' school night, although all troops are welcome. And, Friday nights are devoted to drill. Practically every man that has left our organization for the armed forces has written back and stated how much his Guard training meant to him.

"We are infantry troops, therefore every person being inducted into the armed forces can use the training taught in our organization, so suggest you pass this on to the future inductees for what it is worth."

Major Delmar thinks it would be a good idea for other battalions to sell the idea of Guard service being of value to those who expect to enter the federal service.

## Jet-Propelled Planes Won't Go To Mars

Trips to Mars are "out," as far as the jet propulsion plane is concerned, Robert M. James of Austin, a senior mechanical engineering student at the University of Texas, declares.

James said a jet-propelled unit must obtain its oxygen for combustion from the surrounding air, which is absent in inter-planetary space.

From the "a la Moad," publication of the Mobile Air Service Command, Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala., comes this story: The war had been over for nearly a year and a former officer walked into a haberdashery shop to buy a necktie. The clerk said, "What can I do for you, Lieutenant?" and the former officer stared at him in amazement. "How did you know I was an officer," he asked.

"Well," said the clerk lamely, "you're old enough to be a captain."

"Yes," said the Lieutenant, "but how did you know I was an officer?"

"You wont get mad if I tell you?"

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## Lt. Col. Finney



Lt. Colonel Melvin R. Finney, U. S. A. (Ret.), was commissioned First Lieutenant, Reserve Corps, upon graduation from the Second Officers Training Camp, Presidio, San Francisco, California, in 1917. He served overseas in World War I eighteen months in Siberia, followed by ten months in the Philippines and eight months in the Hawaiian Islands. Returning to the United States in 1921, he continued as a commissioned officer in the regular army until his retirement as a Lt. Colonel of Infantry in 1941.

He is a graduate of the Infantry School Company Officers' Course and the Infantry School Advance Course, as well as the School of Arms at Camp Perry, where he coached civilian rifle teams in the National Rifle matches. His experience in the army includes service with the Eighth Division, Second Division and Second Armored Division. He also served four years as Inspector-Instructor of the Iowa National Guard and one year in the Junior R. O. T. C. system.

Prior to entering the army in 1917, Colonel Finney attended Washington State College, where he was a member of the team that played in the first Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, California.

He is now Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Peacock Military Academy, San Antonio, where he takes a great deal of interest in the Second Training and Research Unit of the Texas State Guard. Major Donald W. Peacock gives Colonel Finney a great deal of credit for his many hours of research and editing in helping him

## Mission Victory Corps Received By Officers Of 31st

A group of officers from the headquarters staff of the 31st Battalion and from Moore Field reviewed the 80 youths of the Mission High School Victory Corps, a project of Co. A of Mission, April 21 at the Mission High School athletic field.

In the reviewing stand were Maj. Lloyd Bentsen, commanding the 31st; Capt. James F. Ewers of Mission, Capt. Roy P. Conway of Mission, Lts. L. A. Smith and C. D. Lyons, Sr., of Co. A, and Capt. R. J. Berry and Lt. J. R. Stearley of Moore Field.

The high school cadets have been trained for several months by Lt. Jerry Tesar of the battalion staff and St. George Boyle of Co. A.

Major Bentsen told the youngsters after the review that the corps ranks as one of the highest in the state in military aspect and the attitude of its members. He added that the training should prove invaluable to them when they embark on military careers.

Captain Berry, commandant of cadets at Moore Field, commended the youths and remarked on the progress they had made since he inspected them in 1943.

Of the 80 lads, 21 completed their high school work in May and most of them will be eligible soon for military service.

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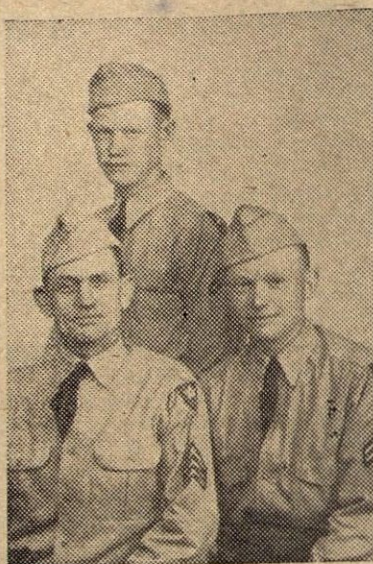
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A noted meat-packer named Young, One day when his nerves were unstrung

Pushed his wife's ma, unseen, In the choppin' machine. He canned her and labeled her: "TONGUE."

## Airmen Grounded For Talking Too Much

United States Bomber Base in England.—Two crewmen of an American bomber who were reported to have talked too much before the last attack on Berlin have been grounded and probably will be court-martialed.

Their names were withheld. It was reported that shortly before the takeoff time they were overheard to mention in a place where the conversation might be heard by the wrong people that Berlin was the target.

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# New Packboard Eases Back Loads

Washington.—American soldiers in Italy who must carry heavy weapons and supplies up mountains on their own backs can thank Hugh Johnson, peacetime architect, now a Quartermaster technologist, who invented the Army's improved packboard.

The new packboard weighs only four pounds, compared to seven for the old-style equipment. In addition, it makes it easier to carry irregular or awkwardly shaped loads. The load is distributed over all the back and shoulder muscles without strain or chafe in any one spot. And the carrier may adjust his load to whatever balance suits him best.

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The pack is carried by a shoulder harness of broad cotton webbing which can be quickly slung or unslung. The load is lashed to the packboard by cotton webbing straps with self-tightening, quick-release, throw buckles. Thus a soldier can drop his pack and unlimber his part of a weapon in split seconds.

A standard accessory is a 30-foot coil of rope which is carried in the space between the board and the canvas.

The maximum load recommended for an average soldier is 45 pounds, which brings his total load up to about 60 pounds.

# Shell Sends Soldier "Flying" To Hospital

Washington.—Pvt. John Tozser was pinned down in his foxhole by enemy artillery fire at El Guettar in the Tunisian campaign when a shell burst nearby and the concussion sent him through the air.

"I felt like the man in the circus who was fired out of a cannon," he said. "All I remember is that I was flying through the air with the greatest of ease—and then I woke up in a base hospital."

Pvt.: "Say, what's the best way to teach a girl to swim?"

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8th Def. A. Band	Dallas

# Men Swap Jobs To Learn Other's Work

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—To further an understanding of their respective problems, an exchange of combat personnel of the Infantry and Air Forces has been effected, with ground soldier going on bombing missions and pilots living in foxholes and going on patrols.

The exchange was made in this sector after some aerial bombs fell wide of the mark, causing casualties among Allied ground troops and much criticism from infantrymen.

Crews of the big bombers are trained in precision bombing, but have had little experience working in close support of ground troops. The medium bombers were more effective, and the dive-bombers won high praise from infantrymen for their part in the attack.

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Major: "Fix what?"

Private: "The mule's leg, sir."

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A German sentinel called to an American patrol: "Do you want to fight?" The reply, instantly given, was, "Damned right we want to fight." Then the shooting started.

"We had reached the enemy outpost when a German sentinel challenged us with the pointless question, 'Do you want to fight?'" Mills said. "Our patrol leader yelled back, 'Damned right we want to fight,' and the rest of us provided the punctuation marks with plenty of lead.

"That's one Nazi who won't ask silly questions again. I wonder what he thought we were out there

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# 48th Battalion Maneuver Held Camp Hudson

By CAPT. B. J. TEAGUE  
Executive Officer, 48th Bn.

The 48th Marine Battalion, under command of Major Julian A. Weslow, planned and executed a field maneuver at Camp Hudson, near Houston, April 29 and 30.

Initial alert was ordered at 1800 Saturday 29, at the armory, all units moved out by 2000 except Company A, which was late, due to majority of the men working at shipyards and defense plants.

Captain Griff D Vance with his unit arrived at the bivouac area at 2000 and immediately posted the guard detail, his unit beginning at once to set up their shelter tents. Captain Vance served as officer of the day until 2400, when he was relieved by Captain Gaston H. Miles, commanding Company A, who was in turn relieved as officer of the day by Captain James A. Cushman of Company C at 0800 Sunday.

Lieut. Frank Jameson, mess officer, had sandwiches and coffee ready by 2200, and served these until 0200. Morning mess was served at 0700, and mess II Sunday at 1230.

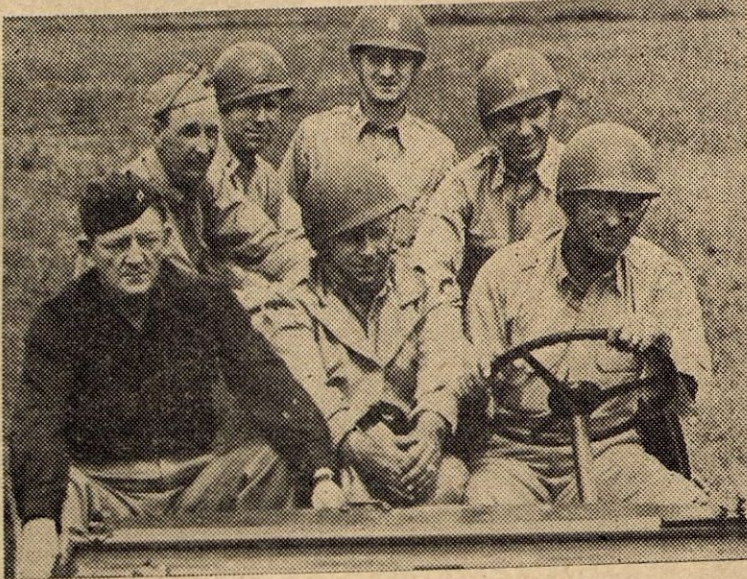
Lt. Colonel Arno von Koenneritz, Major Thomas A. Pelham, Jr., Captain Lucus, Captain Raffaele and Lieut. York of the 766th M. P. battalion were present Saturday night and Sunday for the maneuver, during which they served as umpires.

Company D, in command of Captain Jerry Pierce, was designated as the enemy and defending force of the area near the bivouac, to be attacked and destroyed during the technical field maneuver. This unit bivouaced at some distance from the main battalion area. A disturbance was created at 0200 by this force with simulated grenades consisting of large firecrackers. Purpose of the night attack was to destroy vital installations around the bivouac area. The battalion was alerted the major expressed his compliments and gratification at the manner the attack was conducted, and the skill and alertness of the guard and troops under command of Captain Vance. The men turned in for the balance of the night.

The communications section, under command of First Lieut. King H. Robinson, functioned very splendidly during the entire maneuver. They set up a telephone system, electric lighting system, and field telephone communications system supplemented by walkie-talkie radios during the maneuver. This section also furnished all military bugle calls on electric amplifying system.

The medical section, under command of Major Arthur L. Smith, Medical Detachment Commander, set up splendid field hospital and

## Toughest Problem



### Company A, Mission, Sees Patrol Charts

Co. A of Mission has recently completed the showing and narration of War Department charts on patrols, with Lts. Carroll D. Lyons, Sr., and L. A. Smith in charge of the activity. The charts include data learned from combat with both the Germans and Japanese.

Co. A's staff of non-commissioned officers is again complete, following the recent re-enlistments of men for new three-year hitches after they completed their original enlistments. The staff includes the following newly promoted men: First Sgt. William G. Triplett; S/Sgts. Edwin B. Balthrope, Albert H. Wicks, replacing Arthur P. Wright, given an honorable discharge; Sgts. Admiral D. Williams and Medardo Chapa; Pfc. Leon H. Brown and Paul C. Avery.

treated a number of minor cases during the encampment.

The field maneuver was begun at 0800. The attacking force moved out and began to attack the defenders were wiped out, after til 1200 when the last of the defenders wer ewiped out, after which mess was served.

During a recent maneuver Major Ed Konken, commanding the Second Battalion at Houston, was asked what was the toughest problem he was encountering.

"Keeping us out of this jeep," he replied.

Above Major Konken is shown at the wheel with his brother officers—Capt. K. P. Morrison, Capt. George Wright, Capt. Edwin Polk, Capt. Delos Miller, Capt. Joseph Murphy, Capt. Carl Murray.

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The casualties are as follows:

Killed—26,575.  
Wounded—62,312.  
Missing—33,814.  
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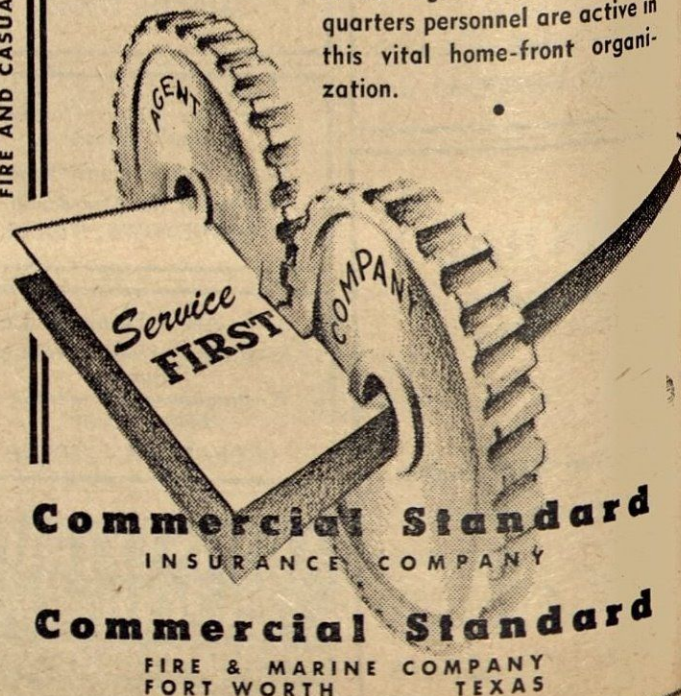
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# Book Reviews

By CAPTAIN JOS. M. MURPHY  
Executive Officer, Second Battalion, Houston  
Book Editor, The Guardsman

**"STATE GUARD OFFICER'S REFERENCE BOOK,"** compiled by Major Donald W. Peacock, Asst. G-3, Texas State Guard (published by Texas State Guard Officers Association, P. O. Box 1151, Austin, Texas, \$1.00).

This work, the result of many months of research and rewriting, has been well worth waiting for. Lt. Col. George D. Thomas, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Texas State Guard, and Lt. Col. M. R. Finney, United States Army (Ret.) edited the matter contained in the 128 printed pages that are packed and jammed with the important facts of life for a State Guard officer.

Its format and typography are similar to the Army Field Manuals, but this reference book is considerably more interesting for the fact that it is well illustrated, with charts, diagrams, sketches and figures.

Certainly it will be the constant companion of the State Guard officer, and plenty of the enlisted men, for there are 110 subjects listed in the table of contents, and they are all covered briefly and adequately. All members of the Texas State Guard Officers Association will shortly receive a copy of this reference book, with the compliments of the Association and Mr. Karl Hoblitzelle, Dallas theatre man and friend of the Guard, whose financial help made this free distribution possible.

**"BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST"**  
The Inside Story of Japanese Spies in America, by Alan Hynd (Robert H. McBride & Co., N. Y., \$3.00).

When Jap bombs fell so accurately on Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, it was very evident that spies from the East had betrayed America. This book is the story of the activities of those spies, dating back to 1932. It is also the story of a showman named Blake, billed in the theatrical profession as "Keeno, The King of the Robots." Blake became suspicious of Japanese activities and at the behest of the Office of Naval Intelligence and the FBI, became enmeshed in the Japanese spy network, and his experiences will give you bigger thrills than any detective fiction you ever read. Through this one man's efforts, much of the more serious spy plans were brought to light, and when the Japs felt they had learned all that Blake knew about American defense plans, they planned to murder him near Pearl Harbor. How he escaped makes a spine-tingling story.

The part played in the betrayal of our country by John Farnsworth, former U. S. Navy officer, is told in rather complete detail. The Japs photostated many important defense plans, taken by Farnsworth, in the apartment of the Japanese naval attache.

One gains a great deal of respect and admiration for the ONI for its alertness and awareness of approaching danger from Japan—and for our FBI, who watched the 7-year program of Japanese es-

pionage unfold in America, and who kept constant watch over 1,300 dangerous Japanese spies.

You'll boil at the stupidity involved in our handling of relations with Japan, and at our State Department's constant reluctance to do anything that would offend the Japanese.

You should read this book, and remember its lessons—so that in the years to come, when pacifists again start their rackets about doing away with our armed forces, you'll still be mad enough to do something about it.

**"WEST POINT TODAY,"** by Kendall Banning (Funk & Wagnalls Co., N. Y., \$2.50).

This is a revised edition of a most interesting book, which gives an excellent outline of a cadet's four years at the United States Military Academy, more commonly called "West Point."

You are carried through the career of "Mr. Ducrot," as all newcomers are called, from his first day to graduation. Most interesting are chapters on the West Point system of teaching, in which every student is required to recite in every subject every day. This is made possible by having small class sections of 10 to 12 men each. The use of blackboard recitations is widely employed at West Point, for in that way the instructor may get the utmost effort from each student on every phase of instruction. In their grading system 3.0 is regarded as excellent; almost perfect a 2.9 or 2.8. As each man's whole army career depends on these grades, he strives for those coveted tenths of a point. His arm or service is determined largely by his scholastic standing, as is his standing on the promotion list. Because of the great importance of this factor, the well-known West Point "Honor System" has become the most outstanding feature about this famous institution. Some interesting highlights are given about the operations and traditions of this system.

Other important and interesting phases of life at West Point are: How the Corps is organized and disciplined, fields of sport in which cadets are expected to participate, when and how the Corps eats, West

Point's Hall of Fame, with its documents and historical material, and graduation activities.

**"COMBAT PROBLEMS FOR SMALL UNITS,"** (The Infantry Journal, 1115 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington 6, D. C., \$1.00).

The preface of this long-needed book by the Infantry Journal states: "The sole aim and purpose of this book is to help the infantry small unit commander to become a superior combat leader"—and this work gets well along the road to doing just that.

To avoid too many names and unit designations, the small rifle company is used throughout. A list of the principal characters is given, with a resume of the organization and armament of the weapons and rifle platoons.

Each problem is interestingly arranged; you get the estimate of the situation, the requirement, then before reading the model solution and the comments it is suggested that you make your own decisions and orders. In that way, you can have a lot of fun being an arm-chair tactician.

Here are some of the interesting problems presented:

Oral Orders by Platoon and Squad Leaders  
Motorized Reconnaissance Patrol  
A Motorized Patrol Fights It Out  
Rifle Squad as Point in Advance Guard  
A Point Becomes a Flank  
Combat Patrol  
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Capture of Prisoners at Night by Rifle Squad  
Rifle Platoon in Attack  
Rifle Platoon As Advance Party  
Rifle Platoon Meets Tank Attack  
Rifle Squad in Hasty Defense  
Constructing and Defending a Road Block  
Rifle Platoon Help to Defend An Airfield  
Rifle Platoon Is Hasty Defense and other problems for sections of the weapons platoon. A list of use-

ful military books is included in the appendix.

We heartily recommend this book for every officer and non-commissioned officer in the State Guard.

**"TO ALL HANDS: AN AMPHIBIOUS ADVENTURE,"** by Lt. John Mason Brown, USNR (Whittlesey House, \$2.75).

Here is an interesting book born of a naval commander's thoughtfulness for the men of his ship. He felt that the men working and sweating below and in the turrets should have the news about what was taking place as the ship went into action. And this action, started in Sicily at the time it was invaded, has been fairly well established as SOP on most naval vessels.

The commander picked Lieut. John Mason Brown, famous theatrical reviewer, to do the daily broadcast for the men aboard. And broadcast he did, each day, standing on the bridge of the ship, many times under fire. It was suggested by one of Brown's shipmates that notes from his daily talks be made into a book, since they were inspiring and informative enough to win praise from all those aboard.

So this book is that connected series of talks to the men as they went into battle off the little Sicilian town of Scoglitti, full of general details of the attack and a number of spotlighted specific adventures. One reviewer says of it: "Lieutenant Brown's book is a minor military classic."

## What To Buy For WACs Is Outlined

Washington.—If your girl, or your wife, or your mother, or even your sister has joined you in olive drab, think twice before the four-color ads lure you into buying her something "fussy." Your WAC, like yourself, is limited by space and by the necessity of keeping her costume within GI bounds.

Man-to-woman all time gift favorites of soap, skin lotion, cologne, or bath powder are swell—better send a hard-water soap, though, and see that the scent is fairly mild.

Stockings, bags and gloves are items rating X's for thanks, too. Make it sheer stockings—Uncle Sam supplies plenty of heavy ones. Overarm bags reasonably near GI in appearance are more than acceptable—to recipient and inspector!

If you can bring yourself to facing the saleslady in the unmentionables department, ask for some zippy, pink, knitted panties. And, as supply sergeant doesn't issue dressing gowns any more, a lightweight wrapper might be a good idea—though most WACs wear—and prefer—GI PJ's—Army Times.

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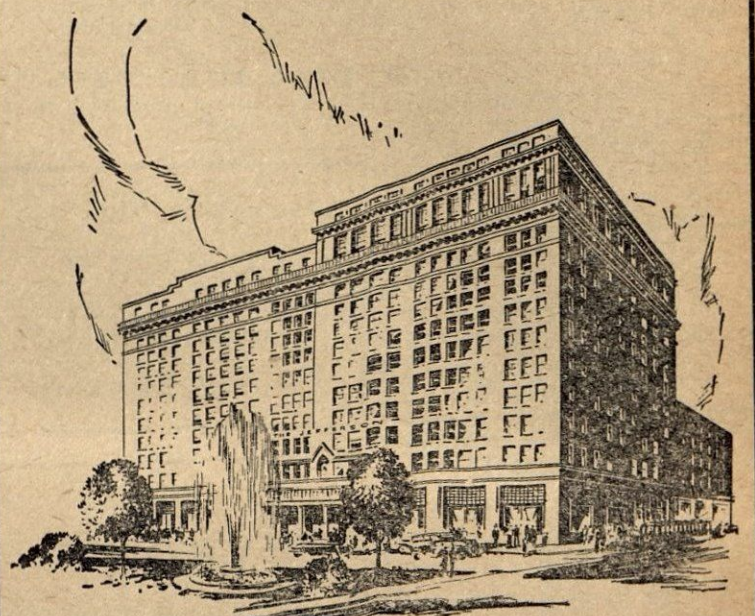
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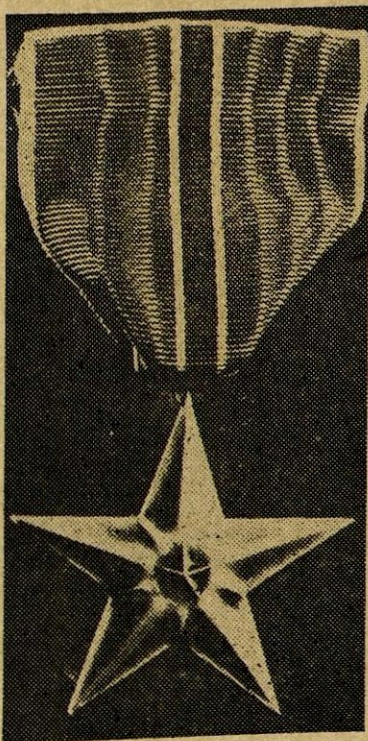
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Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Laird, John W.	Captain	JAG-AGD
Binkley, Harry	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 2nd Bn.
Grado, Joe D.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 2nd Bn.
Miller, Deloss A.	Captain	Co. A, 2nd Bn.
Huckle, Lee	Captain	Ser. Det., 2nd Bn.
McCullough, Robert W.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 2nd Bn.
McMath, Sydney S.	Captain	Hqs., 4th Bn.
Oliver, William K.	Captain	Co. A, 6th Bn.
Putnam, Fred W.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 9th Bn.
Badgett, John L.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 9th Bn.
Sorenson, Warner H. J.	Major	Med. Det., 9th Bn.
Booth, John W.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 10th Bn.
McCollum, Walter	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 10th Bn.
Redden, Jewel T.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 11th Bn.
Jackson, Milton M.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 12th Bn.
Maddox, Robert L.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 12th Bn.
Davila, Manuel	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 13th Bn.
Longoria, Enrique M.	Major	Med. Det., 13th Bn.
Wright, Ray B.	Captain	Med. Det., 13th Bn.
Alexander, Samuel C.	Captain	Ser. Det., 13th Bn.
Lane, Ira A.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 13th Bn.
Cartwright, Hubert H.	Major	Med. Det., 15th Bn.
Bruce, George D.	Major	Med. Det., 16th Bn.
Reinke, Robert T.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 16th Bn.
DuBus, Louis A.	Captain	Ser. Det., 16th Bn.
Carl, Barton R.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 17th Bn.
Harrell, Riley B.	Captain	Hqs., 17th Bn.
Ratliff, Dennis P.	Captain	Co. A, 17th Bn.
Brashear, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 18th Bn.
Terry, John H.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 18th Bn.
McKnight, Roy H.	Captain	Med. Det., 18th Bn.
Petit, Paul T.	Captain	Med. Det., 18th Bn.
Robinson, Cornelius M.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 18th Bn.
Smith, William A.	Major	Ser. Det., 18th Bn.
Coffey, John F.	Captain	Ser. Det., 18th Bn.
White, Nola	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 18th Bn.
Patterson, Ivan C.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 19th Bn.
Smith, Hanley M.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 19th Bn.
Kersh, David V.	Captain	Co. C, 22nd Bn.
Reid, Joseph G.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 22nd Bn.
Hudson, Jess W.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 23rd Bn.
Monroe, Charles W.	Captain	Hqs., 25th Bn.
Stone, Leroy	1st Lt.	Hqs., 25th Bn.
Johnson, Cletus F.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 25th Bn.
Weaver, Sam A.	2nd Lt.	Co. C, 25th Bn.
Marchand, Stephen E.	Captain	Co. D, 25th Bn.
Roberts, Francis W., Jr.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 25th Bn.
Whitehurst, Jack M.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 25th Bn.
Cunningham, Thomas F.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 25th Bn.
Ramming, Richard W.	Captain	Ser. Det., 25th Bn.
Heidrick, David L.	Major	Med. Det., 26th Bn.
Taylor, Jack E.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 27th Bn.
Taylor, John B.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 27th Bn.
Armstrong, Clarence G.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Austin, Frank H.	Captain	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Cox, Eli R.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Harrington, Silas F.	Major	Med. Det., 29th Bn.
Ford, Albert L.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 30th Bn.
Smith, Howard L.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 31st Bn.
Webb, John B.	Captain	Med. Det., 31st Bn.
Swinney, Bluford A.	Major	Med. Det., 32nd Bn.
Ruehs, Joe F.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 34th Bn.
Webb, Herschel E.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 34th Bn.
Barrett, William N.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 35th Bn.
Pokloff, Sam	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 36th Bn.
Gilliam, Fred L.	Captain	Co. B, 37th Bn.
Kittles, William H.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 37th Bn.
Lawhon, Emmett E.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 37th Bn.
Adams, Winfred S.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 37th Bn.
Rosson, Maurice	Captain	Co. D, 37th Bn.
Hall, Elmer L.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 41st Bn.
Buster, Frank W.	Captain	Ser. Det., 41st Bn.
Makins, James	Major	Med. Det., 43rd Bn.
McRee, Edgar C.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 43rd Bn.
Van Devender, Lee R.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 43rd Bn.
Dennis, William E.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 43rd Bn.
Taylor, Robert W.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 44th Bn.
Martin, Lee	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 44th Bn.
Hinson, Joe D.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 46th Bn.
Posey, William T.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 46th Bn.
Derigo, Arthur J.	Captain	Hqs., 47th Bn.
Duson, Donald M.	Captain	Hqs., 47th Bn.
Frazier, Eldon A.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 47th Bn.
Foshee, Ray J.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 47th Bn.
Owen, William A.	Captain	Ser. Det., 47th Bn.
Ervin, Milton T.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 49th Bn.
Nelson, George B.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 49th Bn.
Wright, Phillip T.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 49th Bn.
Moseley, Leo M.	Captain	Co. A, 50th Bn.
Brogioiti, Gerald L.	2nd Lt.	Co. E, 50th Bn.
Pitts, James A.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 51st Bn.
Stokes, Elmer E.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 51st Bn.
Griffeth, William L.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 51st Bn.
Pender, Roy G.	Captain	Co. D, 51st Bn.
Post, William B.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 51st Bn.

The Bronze Star



Newly authorized by President Roosevelt for award to military, naval or civilian personnel for heroic or meritorious achievement is the Bronze Star (above). A pendant from a ribbon, it is an acid-toned bronze star with a small modeled star in the center. The ribbon, worn in lieu of the medal on the service uniform, is red with a vertical blue stripe in the center. Both red and blue edges are piped with white.

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Camp Atterbury, Ind.—If only dreams came true, Army mess halls would be extolled to the high heavens in the near future. Seemingly impossible, the Camp Atterbury "Crier" uncovered this astounding possibility in a recent KP-Glamour contest.

"What one thing could be done to eliminate all mess hall gripes?" a question of universal interest to the military, was put to four KPs in an Engineer Battalion.

First prize (10 theatre tickets) went to the private who looked at the problem from several angles and offered as a solution, "Have some good looking women as cooks." Under these conditions, KP would no doubt be more pleasant while the cooks could serve burned beans daily and yet remain popular.

Another gripe-ending suggestion was: "Have special menus for each meal, with various choices, as in restaurants," bettered by the third KP's proposal: "Have the Army issue meal tickets—good anywhere." Final idea was: "Have steady KPs at all times—no changing around."

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"Queen Of Battles" To Be Paid Tribute

Units of the 8th Armored Division will pay tribute to the "Queen of Battles" on June 15 which has been set aside for nationwide observance as Infantry Day.

Maj. Gen. William M. Grimes, commanding general of the 8th Armored, has assigned plans for the celebration to Col. Richard A. Jones, Reserve Commander, who is charged with training the division's three infantry units.

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## Texan Counts 84 Dead Japs After Battle

Washington.—“After the battle we counted 84 dead Nips in front of the pillbox. Some of them were three yards from it when they dropped.”

This was the result of a morning's work by 2nd Lt. Delbert C. Gates of Joinerville, Texas, and two enlisted men of the 37th Infantry Division, the War Department reported today.

And that statement, from an infantryman who saw the heroic stand made at Torokina beachhead, Bougainville, tersely sums up the story of a fanatic Jap charge that came to nothing.

It was dawn, March 11. Pfc. William A. Florjancic of Cleveland, Ohio, was in an exposed pillbox on the nose of Hill 700 during the action at Empress Augusta Bay. The Japanese launched a strong attack on the hill, creeping up in the early morning haze until they were within 30 yards of the position.

The spot was strategic. If the Japs won the hill, they would command terrain to the west and could seriously harass our supply lines, the Department said.

The Japs opened up with heavy machine gun fire and hand grenades on the pillbox. One man was killed and two others wounded, leaving the Cleveland man all by himself.

Desperately he signalled for help. Lt. Gates and a corporal rushed to his help.

The three of them accounted for the 84 dead Japs who were counted in front of the pillbox later.

## Postal Units Train To Speed Up Mail

Camp Blanding, Fla.—Dream organization of Uncle Sam's soldiers are in the tiny Army Postal Units, two of which are training for overseas assignment at Camp Blanding, with every member of the unit except one holding a rating above private.

The units are not like the “Mexican Army” of old, however. The men who hold the ratings are of particularly high calibre, with every man boasting an Army intelligence rating 11 points over the minimum requirement for office candidates. The men average one year's college training, with two holding M.A. degrees, one showing a career as a high school principal and two being ex-lawyers.

It's all part of the Army's plan to be sure the mail goes through for the troops overseas.—Army Times.

## Sergeant Decorates Captain



Service ribbons for a year's service in the Texas State Guard have been presented to a number of units in the 31st Battalion recently. Shown here receiving his bar is Capt. J. B. Ashcraft of McAllen, commanding the service detachment of the battalion, with S/Sgt. Chris Carey of McAllen doing the honors. The Captain earlier pinned Sergeant Carey's bars.—(Photo by First Sgt. Thynatt Smith.)

## B-24's Produced At Rate Of 1-An-Hour

Detroit. — The Ford-operated Willow Run bomber plant has reached a long-sought goal and is now producing about one of the four-engined Liberator bombers every hour.

The tremendous plant was designed to produce B-24's at a one-an-hour rate. A number of production difficulties were eliminated when the management decided to farm out a large part of the sub-assembly work.

The planes produced on an hourly basis include both knock-down and fly-away jobs. It was not disclosed how many hours a day the plant operates but a War Department announcement indicated that more than 3,000 of the bombers had been produced at Willow Run.

## Texas U. New Gadget Last Word In Accuracy

University of Texas electrical engineering laboratories have acquired a new gadget that is the last word in accuracy.

Known as a “mechanical integrator,” it will be operated in connection with a recording spectrophotometer, to speed up and peg to pin-point precision the analysis of colors, either by reflection or transmission. Both instruments are being used by industry to determine color properties of many substances, including oil, paints, and dyes.

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## Anzio Fray Hottest Spot, Veteran Says

“Our TD group was first under fire at Kasserine, and if any man says he isn't scared that first time, you can call him a liar for me,” said Sergeant-Major John W. Bridges, Student Regiment, TDS, at Camp Hood.

Bridges, who joined the Army in 1925, served 19 months overseas with the 894th TD Battalion, and saw action at El Guettar, Mateur, and his group was the first to enter Bizerte during the African campaign. A three months training period on the African desert was used to acquaint the men with their weapons and vehicles, and the veteran group then had the opportunity to play an important part in the Italian campaign below Cassino, at Mignano. After that came the Anzio beachhead and the “hottest spot” of their foreign service, according to Bridges.

“You didn't have to tell the men to dig in,” he said, “for you either dug or died. The Germans were throwing over artillery anti-personnel stuff and the shrapnel was thick and hot!”

As a parting shot he said: “We were proud of the jobs we did, but you can't really say enough for those foot soldiers and the first-aid men who are doing the hardest, toughest, dirtiest jobs of the whole war. Believe me, we gave these boys fire cover and protection with everything we had.”

## Rookie Collects Even Soldier's False Teeth

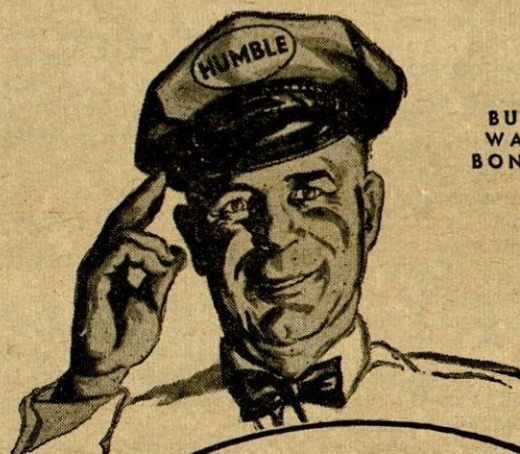
Camp Campbell, Ky.—Newest high in GI efficiency occurred at Camp Campbell when a rookie private assisting the Supply Sergeant in the supply room of the Headquarters Detachment, 1580th Service Unit, instructed to reclaim all GI articles from a group of soldiers who were leaving the Army because of physical disability, asked one soldier if he had turned in all his equipment. When the soldier admitted that he had, all but his false teeth, the rookie proceeded to collect the teeth, and a spare denture, besides.

Now the Supply Sergeant has a new item—and a new headache—for dentures belong permanently to the soldier for whom they are made. If the discharged soldier who is beating his gums on thin air will get in touch with his old company, he can have his teeth back.

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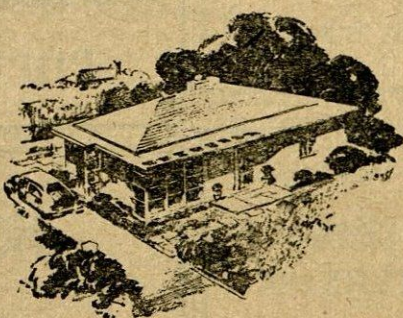
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## South Pacific Fighters To Get Nylon Pouches

The next time you start to complain about the lack of nylons, remember—the nylon that isn't made into lovely sheer hose may soon be helping some soldier keep dry in the wet dreariness of a South Pacific jungle.

A new lightweight multiple-purpose poncho, made of coated nylon fabric, has been developed by the Office of the Quartermaster General, and is soon to be issued to troops in tropical combat area, it has been learned at this depot.

Constructed of nylon, woven from yarn spun from a continuous filament, the new poncho is one of the first Army uses of such fabric. It weighs about 30 ounces as compared with the 55-ounce poncho made of cotton fabric. Both are coated with approximately the same synthetic rosin coating to make them waterproof.

Extremely versatile, the poncho is provided with grommets and eyelets which permit its use as a tent when two or more are hooked together, or as a foxhole cover, a ground sheet, or a moisture-imperious bedroll. It may even do away with issue of shelter halves eventually.

Under present plans, the new poncho will be issued in South Pacific areas in place of the raincoat now being issued which is made of cotton coated fabric and weighs about 40 ounces. It has been found that soldiers prefer the poncho to the raincoat since it serves more utilitarian purposes.

## Legion Asks Canes For Wounded Yanks

New York.—Advertising Men's Post, No. 209, of the American Legion, with headquarters in the Hotel Lexington, has started a campaign to secure strong crook-handle canes for the wounded men of this war in military hospitals. The first delivery was 205 canes donated by post members.

Cane manufacturers are engaged in other work and there is a stringent shortage of canes. Commander Charles E. Rochester, of the Post, has addressed an appeal to hotel men to search store-rooms, attics and closets for sturdy old canes, to ask their permanent guests to do likewise and then either present them to local Legion posts for transmission to military hospitals or send them to him at the Lexington. He has also secured the co-operation of a number of manufacturers whose plants are fitted with public address systems in asking employees to donate old canes.—Army Times.

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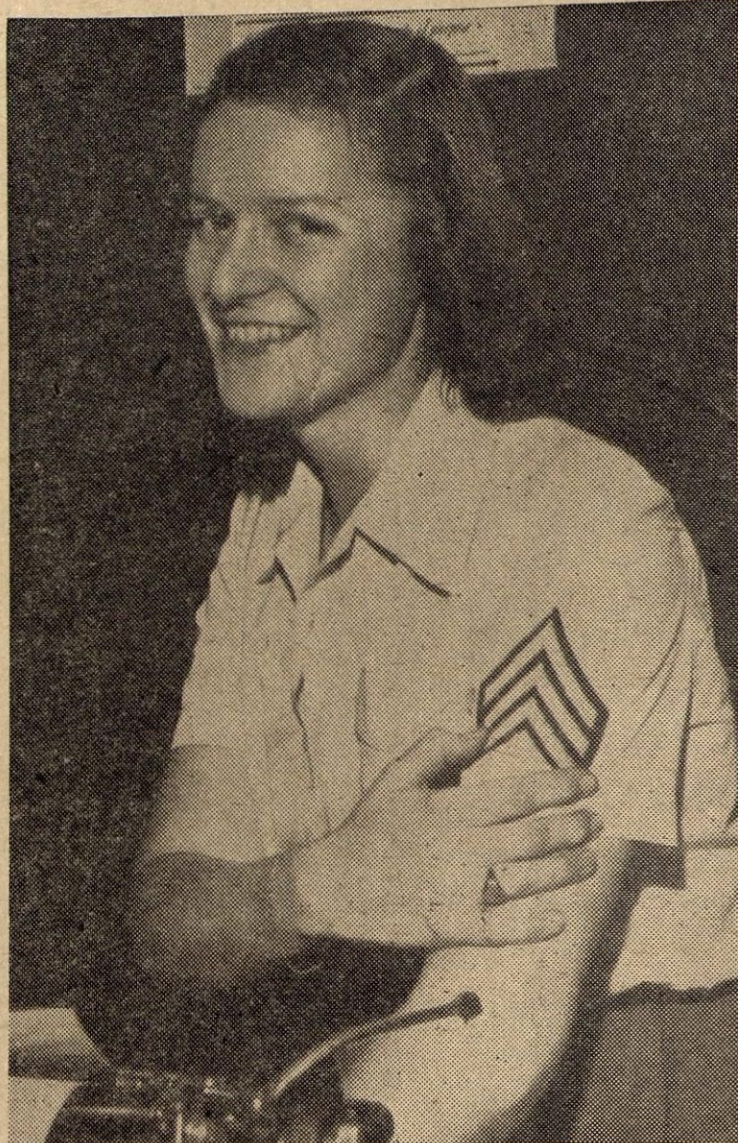
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## "Sergeant" York



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## University's Future Studied By Committee

For the past year and a half, a 16-member Educational Policies Committee at the University of Texas has been studying and planning the University's future program.

That committee, headed by graduate Dean A. P. Brogan, has announced it will report its findings and recommendations to the general faculty in June.

Sergeant: "Any complaints about your clothes?"

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## Soldiers Plunge Into River To Save Buddies' Food

Camp Campbell, Ky.—Disregard for personal safety that prompted three 20th Armored Division soldiers to plunge into a rain-swollen creek to salvage food for the buddies from an over-turned truck, brought them the personal commendation of their commanding general, Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen.

The feat of these men, S/Sgt. Clarence Revers, Pfc. Vernon J. Sewall and Pvt. Claude V. Green, all of Service Company, 9th Tank Battalion, enabled the men of their company to eat a hearty breakfast after many foodless hours during a rigorous tactical problem.

The men were riding in a mess truck during a recent blackout maneuver when the truck plunged off a narrow bridge and overturned in a swift-running stream.

After extricating themselves from the truck and reaching shore, the trio drove back into the cold creek and returned to the vehicle, removing all the mess equipment and food and carrying it to safety.

Having made certain the men in their company would have enough food for a hot breakfast, they helped prepare the meal despite cold and personal discomfort.—Army Times.

## Army Carbine Now Being Used By Navy

New Haven, Conn.—The Army's hard-hitting carbine has joined the Navy.

Announcement that the semi-automatic carbine, widely used as an invasion weapon by the Army and Marine Corps, is now going to sea, was made today in a Navy Department communication to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, developers of the carbine.

## Camp Bullis—

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send only one non-commissioned officer each, therefore, the battalion commander then had the privilege of sending one extra non-commissioned officer from both A and D Company.

### Basis For Selection

Each officer and selected non-commissioned officer will be ordered to this school on the basis of their application and in the case of the non-commissioned officer, on the basis of the recommendation of their company and battalion commanders.

Much effort has been put into the design of the courses this year and all concerned are bending every effort to make this the best organized and most efficient school yet.

Since the dates of the school this year have been given so far in advance, it is expected that officers and non-commissioned officers will start planning now in order that when they receive their application blanks, they will be able to definitely set the date of their attendance and that this year the Adjutant General's Headquarters will not be administratively harassed by last-minute revision or changes.

More detailed plans, instructions and application blanks will be forwarded about June 1.

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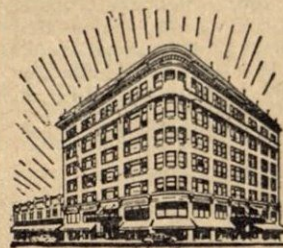
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### Lt. Alcorn Made Acting Commander Of Pharr Company

A major change in the command of one of the 31st Battalion's top companies, Co. C of Pharr, took place early in May with the transfer of Capt. John C. Jones, commander of the company for the past eight months, to the headquarters staff of the 26th Battalion at Mercedes, Maj. James B. Taylor, commanding, and the appointment of First Lt. Hal L. Alcorn of Co. C as acting commander.

Captain Jones had originally been transferred from the 26th to the 31st when he moved to Pharr from Mercedes. At that time the company was in dire straits after several changes in command, enlistments were below the required number and a major reorganization problem was being faced. Captain Jones took over, injected new life into the outfit, gave it spit and polish, and brought its enlistments back to normal. He saw to it that a target range was established, ordered the construction of a company mess trailer and field stove, acquired tents for headquarters and the field kitchen and arranged for a new armory.

Lieutenant Alcorn is a veteran member of the Pharr outfit and takes over the command with a full knowledge of the unit's needs and its program. He has had considerable experience at the work of handling the company and meeting its problems.

He Commanded the company for the first time in the battalion review at McAllen, May 7.

Co. C was honored with a visit from Lt. Thomas Wicker, who was home on furlough from the regular army, and he instructed the men in the latest techniques of rolling the well-known field pack. He also told the men that the training they are now receiving is invaluable to them when they go into the armed forces.

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### Kerrville Officer Gets Oak Cluster

Kerrville.—Already holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster, Col. Frederick Dent, Jr., of Kerrville, has been presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving as Air Commander of a heavy bombardment division on a mission over Germany. Commander of a Liberator group at the time, Colonel Dent has since been promoted to Combat Wing Commander.

A native of Pennsylvania, Colonel Dent is a West Point graduate and a former chief of both the dy-

namics and glider laboratories at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

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### Maurice Rosson Heads 37th Unit

Palestine.—Maurice Rosson, 30, has assumed command of Company D, 37th Battalion, Texas State Guard, succeeding Capt. C. A. Bonsall, who retired to the company's inactive list after three and one-half years of service.

Rosson, whose commission of captain has been approved by the adjutant general's office in Austin, is a charter member of the Palestine guard, having enlisted as a private. Capt. Bonsall was one of the organizers of the company and succeeding Capt. William H. Vaughan as commanding officer more than a year ago.

Gal: "Are you musically inclined?"

GI: "We-e-e-ell, I know how to make overtures."

### German Shell Beats Soldier To Foxhole

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Pvt. Sebastian Testa believed a man's foxhole was his castle, until a bumptious enemy shell beat him in a race for his own.

Private Testa, with an anti-aircraft battery on the Anzio beach-head, was working near his gun when a German artillery barrage began dropping high explosives near him. He set out on a run. As he neared his foxhole he heard an ominous whistle behind him. He dived.

A rude "swish," and the shell plunked between his legs and into the foxhole ahead of him. It was well enough mannered not to explode, however, and a pair of torn trousers, Private Testa in them, was the only casualty.

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1900.....	4,187	(Gov. Census)
1910.....	4,732	" "
1920.....	7,626	" "
1930.....	9,587	" "
1940.....	11,192	" "
1943.....	12,500	Estimated

The city has a Mayor-Commission form of government, with a Mayor and five Commissioners. Municipally owned Water and Light Plant valued at \$1,000,000. Municipally owned Water and Light Plant valued at \$1,000,000. School System and free street lights, the plant has turned over to the general fund an average of \$87,000 per year for the past five years, which enables the city to operate on a very low tax rate. Property is rendered on a basis of 65% of actual value.

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Average mean temperature.....	64 degrees
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Altitude of city.....	620 feet
Average growing season.....	226 days
Average date of first frost.....	November 9th
Average date of last frost.....	March 25th
One police broadcasting station. A large finger-print and record bureau.	
Three well-equipped and efficient fire stations.	

#### PARK

Almost in the center of the city is a beautiful 27-acre park, with its well-placed shrubs and beautiful elm trees, rose garden, picnic grounds, wading pool, play devices for children, soft ball diamond, a \$3,500 band shelter where concerts and entertainments are given during the summer months. Also, located in this park is the \$11,000 Women's Club Building, the \$10,000 American Legion Hall, and Boy and Girl Scout huts.

#### LAKE DALLAS

Four miles east of Denton, one of Texas' largest lakes, where fishing, sail boating, motor boating and other water sports are enjoyed. This lake cost \$5,000,000, covers 11,000 acres of land, holds 83,000,000,000 gallons of water.

#### PLACES OF INTEREST TO SEE

- The Texas State College for Women.
- The North Texas State Teachers College.
- Lake Dallas.
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- City Water and Light Plant.
- City Park.
- Botanical Gardens at Texas State College for Women.
- The Acme Brick Plant.
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# Knickerbocker-

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the guards of the various states, and us as citizen-soldiers.

"I can't conceive of anyone eliminating Texas A. and M. or the reserve officers set-up.

## Should Be Leaders

"You of the guard should be the leaders in the line of thought that the state guard organizations should be preserved after the war," the general said.

In his opening remarks, the general declared that in all wars "citizens soldiers like you have fought our wars and come home to perform the duties at home."

"Any place you go you'll find patriotic gentlemen in the state guard. I'm proud to be one of you. In every case members of the guard are a cross-section of the community."

Referring to aid given the Texas State Guard by the army, the general said that "the army has helped us a lot, but we think they should do more."

Preceding the banquet, General Knickerbocker reviewed the troops of the Seventh.

## Surprise Emergency

A "surprise emergency," in which the Seventh Battalion went into action against "mythical enemy prisoners," served to cap the evening.

Members of the sheriff's force, their sirens wailing, rushed to the armory where the guardsmen were assembled with the information that six armed German prisoners had escaped and barricaded themselves in a house six blocks from the armory. The information was handed to Major Vincent Chiodo, commander of the Seventh, who, in turn, asked the general what to do about it. The order was to mobilize immediately.

The "emergency" have been kept secret from the battalion personnel except for a few key officers in order that the general could see first-hand how the battalion could go into action. In a very few minutes the men had filed out under full equipment with specific duties assigned. The prisoners were surrounded and "wiped out" while flares and smoke bombs exploded to add realism to the problem.

## Distinguished Guests

State, county and city officials, representatives of the regular army, officers of the other Houston battalions, representatives of the American Legion, and others were special guests at the banquet.

County Judge Roy Hofheinz of Harris County, who has supported the work of the guard from the start, and has been instrumental in giving much financial backing, declared that those who at first called guardsmen men "playing soldiers" had come to pay tribute to the efficiency of the organization when the guard had met its tests in several emergencies.

Kern Tips, director of the Harris County Office of Civilian Defense, paid tribute to the guard on the way it has served in the several emergencies in the Gulf Coast area.

Sam D. Forman, department commander of the American Legion of Texas, the organization which took the lead in forming the state guard, also complimented the organization on its work.

## Colonel Speaks

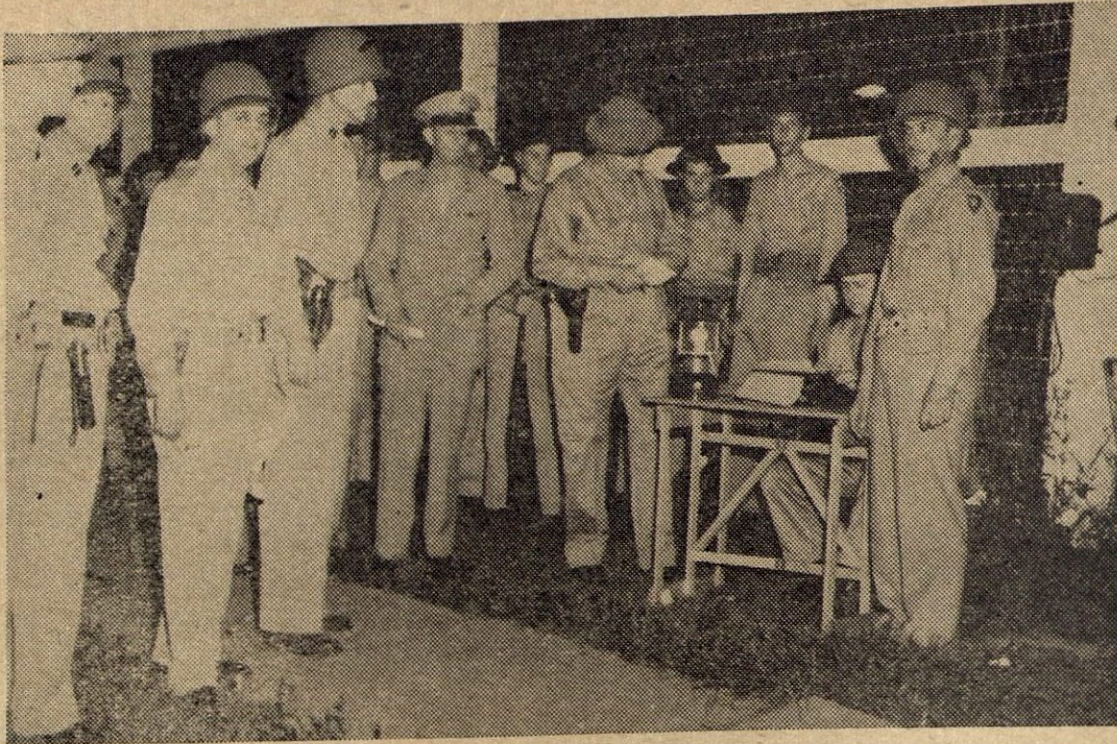
Co. S. G. Harrison, commanding officer of the Houston R. O. T. C. unit, who earlier reviewed the five companies of the Seventh, spoke briefly.

Captain Courtenay C. Bateman, executive officer of the Seventh, served as toastmaster and introduced Major Chiodo, who presented the special guests.

The enlisted personnel of the Seventh presented a Texas flag to Major Chiodo. Bronze stars for three years service in the guard were awarded. The cup presented each year to the company which is outstanding in attendance and efficiency was presented to Company D with Capt. J. L. Caveness accepting the award.

The other three Houston battalions had representatives present at the party, including Major Julian A. Weslow of the 48th and Major James Delmar of the 22nd.

# General Watches As "Prisoners" Taken



Adjutant General Arthur Knickerbocker was given a touch of realism when the Seventh battalion staged a "surprise" mobilization to surround and capture mythical German prisoners. In the top picture the command post set up near the house where the "Germans" were "barricaded" is shown. Left to right, Major Vincent Chiodo, commander of the Seventh; Capt. C. C. Bateman, executive officer of the Seventh; General Knickerbocker; and at far right, Lt. Fontenot of the Seventh.

At the bottom the captured "German prisoners" are shown being evicted from the building.

## "I'LL NEVER OPEN UP"

A weather-beaten old master sergeant, retiring after 30 years in the Army, decided the best way to pass his fading years was to buy a tavern in New York. Accordingly, he bought an old tavern, boarded it up and began to repaint and redecorate it. Residents of the area watched trucks unload precious cargoes of the brown stuff that cheers. One day a group of neighbors gathered outside and knocked on the door.

"When are you going to open up?" their spokesman asked. "We'd like to patronize your place."

"Open up!" the old master sergeant hollered. "I'll never open up. I bought this place for myself!"

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## Chemical Engineer Job Clearing House Planned At Texas U.

Austin.—The chemical engineering department at the University of Texas is setting up machinery to serve as a clearing house for jobs and job seekers in the chemical engineering field, Dr. W. A. Cunningham, department chairman, has announced.

This task of bringing jobs and men together will not be confined to graduating seniors, he emphasized, but will extend to all ex-servicemen when they are ready to return to industry.

Dr. Cunningham "broadcast" this new service in the latest issue of the department's mimeographed "News Bulletin," which goes to

some 225 former chemical engineering students, most of whom are now in the armed forces, scattered from England to India.

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# Italian Prisoners Get Chance To Man U. S. Harbor Craft

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.—Italian prisoners of war, loyal to the cause of the United Nations, are going to get a chance to strike a blow for liberty by forming an Italian Harbor Craft company, according to an ASFTC memorandum of April 11.

The first Italian Harbor Craft company, Transportation, was activated here April 1, 1944. Personnel in this Italian Service unit are not ordinary prisoners of war in that they have sworn to serve faithfully under the Articles of War of the United States. They volunteered for this duty and are qualified in terms of experience and background, as well as in attitude, to assist effectively in defeating our common enemy.

Co-operation and mutual respect between Allies constitute the foundation for successful operations. These Italian nationals are thus entitled to the same consideration given to our other Allies.

All personnel at this training center were enjoined to assist the 1st Italian Harbor Craft Company to achieve that high degree of training and effectiveness expected of other units at this center. Relationship between personnel serving here and members of this unit will be the same as that between members of the armed forces of the United States and those of our other allies.—Army Times.

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Sgt.: "You'd better marry me. Eligible men are scarce."

Cutie: "I suppose I could offer that as an explanation."

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# No. Carolina General Lauds Guardsman

The following letter was received by The Guardsman from Brig. Gen. Jas. C. Dozier, adjutant general of the North Carolina State Guard: Dear Major Hinga: Receipt is acknowledged of your splendid issue of The Guardsman. I look forward with a great deal of interest every month to receiving my copies. After reading every word, I pass it on to other S. C. States Guardsmen who read it with a great deal of interest in all of the activities in which the Texas Guardsmen are participating. Let me express my appreciation for remembering me with a copy. Sincerely yours, Jas. C. Dozier, The Adjutant General.

## Work-Shop Study Of Junior College Problems Scheduled

Austin.—An eight-week work-shop study of the fast-changing trends and problems confronting junior colleges of the South and Southwest in the post-war world will open at the University of Texas, July 6. In an effort to prepare for the future, Dr. Frederick Eby, University education professor, explained that the summer term course will be concluded by a week-long attempt to formulate objectives and directives for junior college development. "The task of educating returning servicemen and women will be the biggest job ever attempted by our universities and colleges," Dr. Eby predicted. Junior colleges will be able to serve as "tie-ins" between high schools and universities and adults who need further education, Dr. Eby explained.

During recent military operations in the Far East, one side captured the other's general. An envoy was sent to negotiate exchange. "We will give you four colonels for him," said the officer. The offer was declined. "Eight majors then," the envoy persisted. The new offer was declined. "Sixteen captains?" "Sorry." "Thirty-two lieutenants?" "No." "Well, what can I offer?" "We have given the matter most careful consideration," said a spokesman, "and the least we can accept is two dozen cans of condensed milk." GI: "Art is my hobby, and I would like to improve my painting by using live models. Do you think you could get a girl to pose for me?" Service Club Hostess: "I think so. But be sure that you know where to draw the line."

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A final tabulation showed the group had destroyed 25 German interceptors and damaged 10, all in the air, on the one mission. Two locomotives were blown up and two damaged as well as the blasting of factories and barges.

A graduate of Port Neches high school, Lt. Nowlin enlisted in the Air Corps three weeks after Pearl Harbor. He is a graduate of Victoria Field, Texas.

T-5: "She's a nicely reared girl, isn't she?" T-4: "Yeah. She ain't bad from the front either."

FIRST LT. HOLLIS R. NOWLIN

Limit Is Placed On Athletic Awards

Team awards made to Texas high school football and basket ball players will be limited in value beginning next year, members of the University of Texas Interscholastic League have decided.

No player may receive an award valued at more than \$7.50 for any one year, except that in the last year of a boy's participation he may receive an award valued up to \$15.

He: "I suppose everybody has their ideals. For instance, I like my girls with red hair and blue eyes. How do you like your men?" She: "With greenbacks."

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Voters Favor Drafting 4-F's, Poll Indicates

Princeton, N. J.—The fact that voters in the United States generally support the proposal to draft 4-F's for jobs in war industries, as now being discussed by Congress, was indicated by a Gallup poll taken recently.

The question asked in the survey was: "Do you think that men who are turned down by the Army because they are not physically fit for fighting, but who are able to work in war plants, should be taken into the Army and given jobs in order to free young men in war plants for combat service?"

First GI: "Who gave the bride away?" Second GI: "I should have, but I was smart enough to keep my mouth shut."

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# Waskom Company Sends News To Ex-Guardsmen In Service

Waskom has no daily newspapers for boys in the service to keep up with their homefolks. So Company C of the 33rd Battalion hit upon the idea of getting out a mimeographed bulletin to former Guardsmen in the service and other boys from Waskom. Capt. Pearson P. Pollard, commanding Company C, sent in a sample to The Guardsman. Here it is:

## NOTES ON THE "C" MEN

For the interest and information of former members of Co. "C," 33rd Battalion, Texas State Guard, and other Waskom boys now serving in the armed forces.

Maybe this is just a brainstorm, instead of an idea. Maybe it won't appeal to you at all. But the Cap'n thought perhaps you men who have graduated from Company "C" into the big league, along with other boys from the vicinity of Waskom who are now in regular service, might enjoy a periodic report on what goes on at home, as well as items of interest to others from the old home town. The members of the company agreed with me that it was worth trying, so here it is. We can't write to each of you individually so we are taking this means of writing you en masse. Let us know whether you like the plan, and please be honest about it.

## List Of Addresses

First a list of addresses. You'll find them on a separate sheet. Maybe you'll find someone on the list you want to write, or that you can arrange to see personally. You'd hate to come home after the war and find that some good friend of yours had been stationed near you for months without you knowing it. That happened to me in 1918. Of course, we can't be specific about overseas addresses, which are not themselves specific, but maybe the name of a ship, the APO or FPO number will give you a lead. Keep this list. We expect to make additions and revisions of it from time to time.

## News of the Guard:

We're still in there trying. We've lost a lot of men, of course, but we're replacing them as fast as we can. Some of them can't do as snappy an about face as you boys could, and we're not even on speaking terms with double time or long hikes, but they're soldiering with everything they've got. There's "Pap" Ellis, O. E. Tully, Jess Darby, Bro. Peterson, "Corps." Moran, Tom Hughes, Bob Friend, Tom Edelman and others. They can't take a lot of strenuous drill but, brother, they've got the spirit. And even though they can't take it you can bet they could—and if the situation warrants they will—dish it out. They'd be tough babies in a scrap and don't you forget it. I'd hate to be the fifth columnist or the saboteur that came into this community and started any dirty work. What these oldsters—and youngsters—would do to him would not be pretty to watch. Remember how they could use the paddle? They know what to do with a gun, too, or a Molotov cocktail. And they play for keeps.

## News Of The Boys

George Sinclair is in Italy. Rex Henderson, G. D. Nevill, Joe Futch, Gene Hilliard, Allen Pollard and a flock of others in the South Pacific.

Calvin Rogers is at Sheppard Field in the Air Corps. James Easterling is at Camp Maxey with a heavy auto maintenance company. Rho Ellis is at a Navy Storekeeper's School at Sampson, New York. James Reaves is Assistant Adjutant and Athletic Officer at the flying field at Laredo, Texas. Leonard Ellis, Herman Clark, Ralph James, Elmer Stroud, C. B. George, Jr., D. L. Spencer and possibly others at the Naval Training School at San Diego. Peanut Belch is happy over making the Marines. Ted Nevill is with the Seabees. Erwin Culley is a chaplain with the Seabees. Bruce Wynne is home on leave. His next assignment is with the Third Amphibian Group. Bill Rull is home on furlough, Barry Rudd at North Camp Hood. Dan Gray and Tullos Posey are on B-29 bombers. John Bob Vaughan and John Saunders are leaving soon for

service with the Navy. Bud Colquitt is a Navy V-12 at Lafayette, La. Basil Mitchell, Jr., is home from the wars with a O. D. D. The list could go on and on, for there are many names on it, and every name is that of a fighting man. We're omitting titles of rank. Their addresses will give you that, and, after all, it's the man, not the rank we're interested in. We're equally proud of private and General. All you Generals sound off.

## News of the Ladies

Are you listening?

Maybe I'm prejudiced, but it seems to me that we have just about the finest and best looking group of young and middle aged ladies right here in little old Waskom to be found anywhere. Of course we don't have any old ladies in Waskom, and they seem to be getting younger and prettier every day. So if you're wondering about that sweetheart or wife or mother of yours, just take the Cap'n's word for it, she's even prettier and sweeter than she was when you went away. And if you wonder whether she's thinking of you, just drop into the post office for a while and listen to the chatter that goes on in the lobby. Or see them on the streets or go into their homes, or into the cafe for a coke—if they have one—and talk or listen to them. Want to know what they talk

about? It's you, you lug; nobody else. Wonder what they talked about before you left?

## News Of The Town

Mr. Sanders won't be back as school superintendent, nor, probably, Mr. Wilson as principal. They are a couple of mighty good citizens and as loyal Guardsmen as we have in the company. We'll miss them a lot. Floyd Akin has Rho Ellis' Gulf filling station and Melvin Martin James Easterling's Magnolia station. Paul Young and his partner, ex-Major Decker, plan to move their store to Longview. F. L. Hillin has bought the Paul Young home, formerly the James Furrh home. Lieut. Frizzell of the Guard is now working for Arkansas Fuel Oil Co. and is living in the old Abney house near the school building. Mrs. Will Heard is very ill in a Shreveport hospital. Mrs. R. A. Austin died suddenly May 10 of a heart attack. A number of Waskom housewives are working in war plants at Minden and Karnack. Servicemen's wives visiting or making their homes in Waskom include Mrs. Eleanor Vaughan Wilson, Mrs. Sara Frances Posey Wells, Mrs. Mary Beth Sanders, Adams and Mrs. John Henry Sanders.

Then follows the addresses of Waskom boys in the service.

Pvt: "Hey, look at the hair cut I just got. Does my hair look bad?"

Sgt: "No, but you'd better stamp it, 'This End Up'."

## Persian Gulf Command Men Win Red Awards

Washington.—Thirty-three men, mostly members of the Engineer, Transportation, and Quartermaster Corps, were recently decorated by the President of the USSR "for the successful performance of the mission of the Persian Gulf Command in the movement of arms, equip-

ment and food supplies for the Soviet Union, thus affording great assistance to the Red Army in its struggle with the Nazi German invaders."

The decorations given were Order of Suvarov, Second Class; Order of Kutuzov, Second Class; Order of Kutuzov, Third Class; First and Second Class Order of the Fatherland's War Order of the Red Star.

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